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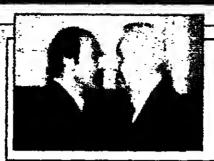
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A firebombed IDF bus lies on its side near Ramallah yesterday, after rescue workers finished evacuating the II soldiers and the dri-

11 soldiers hurt in bus firebombing near Ramallah

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Eleven soldiers and their bus driver were injured yesterday after a firebomb shattered the vehicle's windshield and it ran off the road and overturned oear the West Bank refugee camp of Jelazoon. The army clamped a curfew on-

the camp and adjacent villages. just north of Ramallah and began searching for the attackers. The soldiers and the driver, who

were moderately to lightly injured, said their bus was hit by a firebomb that smashed through the windshield, setting fire to the interior. The driver lost control and an officer sitting in front tried to steady the bus, but it zigzagged off the road, overturning as it slid some 15

activists, Page 2

PA rounds up Jihad

meters down an embankment. · All the occupents managed to leave the bus before it was consumed by flames. Israel TV said the first fire truck to arrive at the scene

by local residents.

was a Palestinian one, summoned

is a very grave incident," said regional commander Lt.-Col. Shlomo at the scene. "Since Land Day, the residents of Jelazoon, after a long period of quiet, have started demonstrating unrest and

> are searching for the perpetrators and we'll try to catch them and severely punish them." He noted that the IDF had removed a long-standing outpost at the entrance to the refugee camp

> escalaring the situation. IDF forces

"As far as we're concerned, this

six months ago.

The injured soldiers, who were being transported to guard Jewish settlements, were taken to HadassahUniversity Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem section. Three suffered broken bones; two are still hospitalized. The rest were very lightly injured, hospital officials said.
The incident came during a rela-

tively quiet day in the territories. In Nablus, a crowd of about 1,000 demonstrators began moving toward Israeli controlled areas south of town following the funeral of a Palestinian policeman killed in rioting yesterday. A large number of IDF troops, backed by tanks and APCs, were deployed to deter the rioters from attacking IDF roadblocks, and Palestinian Police prevented the crowd from advancing.

US denies PM-Arafat summit talk

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and HILLEL KUTTLER

As the US and Israel prepared for Monday's meeting in Washington between President Bill Clioton and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, officials in both countries yesterday denied rumors that Clinton is trying to arrange a summit between Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

However, Secretary of State Madeleice Albright yesterday telephoned both Netanyahu and Arafat, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns con-

At the same time, the Americans are said to be making efforts in other Arab states, especially Jordan and Egypt, to help per-suade Arafat to come to such a meeting, on the assumption that he will only agree to meet Netanyahu with the strong backing of King Hussein and President Hosni

Netanyahu has previously proposed a summit with Arafat, but White House spokesman Mike McCurry said, "I haven't seen a discussion related to a hypotheti-. cal summit emerge."

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office yesterday denied Netanyahu has any plans to meet with Arafat during his brief visit to Washington,

Netanyahu is due to leave Sunday for a lightning visit, dur-ing which he will meet with Clinton to discuss his own and the

Americans' peace initiative. The Clinton administracion remained close-mouthed. "It just isn't in my interest to discuss any of those ideas publicly," Burns said yesterday. "The president said we're working on some ideas that are interesting to us and we hope they may be to the Israelis and to the Palestinians, but we're not at liberty to discuss them publicly."

Asked about Netanyahu's proposal to move ioto final-status alks immediately, Burns said that, Obviously, it's up to the

along with those ideas." He said he does not believe either party is interested in "deviating or drifting" from the Oslo process. Burns also said the US deplores "acts of violence and terrorism," like the firebombing of a bus in the territories yesterday.

Palestinians to decide whether or

not (they) want to accept or go

The US could not confirm reports that the PA has detained up to 30 members of Islamic Jihad. but that if it proves true, it would give greater weight to the effort to fight terrorism," Burns said.

following Meanwhile, Tuesday's White House meeting between Clinton and Hussein, Albright spoke with both Netanyahu and Arafat in a bid to soothe the stalemate.

Burns described the conversations as an effort to "repair some of the damage caused over the last couple of events" and to push the two back toward negotiations. Also late Tuesday, Hussein urged policy" in revitalizing Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

He suggested the administration move from being a facilitator to an arbiter. "We need the US to help us. I am oot suggesting pressure, but... this is the time to move," he said.

Arafaı's spokesman Marwan coofirmed that Kanafani Washington is making efforts to get the two men together. He said the US had asked both Israel and the Palestinians to send representatives to Washington to examine the possibility of such a meeting, at which a senior American representative would be present.

Netanyahu dismissed the ootion that the Americans have called him to Washington to pressure him to make gestures or concessions to the Palestinians

"We don't operate in a climate of pressure," Netanyahu said, accusing the media of "always want there to be pressure on me, and then you come out disappointed, because we withstood the pressure, or there wasn't any.

There is a deep understanding between us and the Americans about he crucial need to reestablish the war against terrorism and the need for the PA to keep its commitments, not only to Israel, but to the Americans as well." He said that the terrorist acts io Netzarim and Kfar Darom on Mooday "prove that the Palestinians are oot doing enough, to put it in an understatement. They are hardly doing the required minimum, certainly not the necessary maximum, the 100% effort which they undertook to do."

Clinton is working on what is described as a "new and firm" peace initiative, which is thought to include opening the talks on the permanent settlement, as Netanyahu has suggested, in a Camp David-like framework at the crucial stage.

the demand that Arafat issue an unequivocal denunciation of terrorism and a new, US sponsored apparatus for joint Israeli and Palestinian war oo terror. In exchange, it is thought Israel will have to freeze the settlements and expand the second pullback.

Foreign Minister David Levy joined the diplomatic effort and yesterday gathered all the foreign representatives in Israel to present them with Israel's position. He told them the peace process will not continue unless the PA fights terrorism and its infrastructure.

Levy attacked Egypt for spearheading and encouraging the Arab world's thrust to isolate Israel and renew the Arab boycott.

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Hammer appoints panel to probe school violence

By ARYEH DEAN COHER

A 17-year-old pupil was stabbed and seriously hurt by a classmate during a fight in a Jerusalem school vesterday. In response, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer ordered Deputy Minister Moshe Peled to quickly establish a panel to investigate violence in the school system.

The Education Ministry spokesman said Hammer's decision came after increasing media reports of school violence.

Hammer expressed his shock over the results of a recent poll among pupils which showed that many come to school with pocket knives, brass knuckles, sticks and other weapons, and sometimes use them against classmates. He said it is inconceivable that the educational system permit such an ugly phenomenon to continue without taking drastic action against it.

"A school must be a safe, comfortable place to come to, and we must make every effort to ensure that this is the case, and prevent a situation in which pupils or teachers are, heaven forbid, afraid to come to school," Hammer said.

Peled's panel will investigate the scope of the problem and formulate a plan of action in cooperacon with other bodies to deal with it. Hammer also plans to call all school district heads to his office, and ask them to tell their principals and supervisors to report all such incidents in order to get a more accurate picture of the problem and how to combat it.

Itim reported that the stabbing occurred at the Feldman School on Jerusalem's Rehov Malchei Yisrael. The victim was taken in moderate-toserious condition to Hadassan-University Hospital, Ein Kerem. His assailant was taken in



Protest halts Rabin conspiracy talk

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

A violent demonstration at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem last might by student supporters of Mereiz and Labor forced the postponement of a controversial lecture on a "conspiracy" behind the assas-sination of former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Multiple fist fights and scuffles broke out between some 50 demonstrators and campus security guards



a half bour before the lecture was to be given by journalist Barry Chamish Security officials, fearing that going ahead with the speech might lead to more violence, called it off while a couple of hundred students continued chanting slogans

and pushing security guards outside. "I was told that there was going to be a silent protest out here," said Brisn Bunn, chairman of the student government at the Rothberg School for Overseas Students, who invited Chamish to speak on campus, but this is irresponsible, insane, reck-

less, and dangerous for everyone." The protest had been building up for a week, since it was first announced that Chamish would speak on a topic that continues to .

divide segments of Israeli society. MK Ra'anan Cohen had sent a letter to the university demanding the cancellation of the talk, but the school responded that while it had "reservations on the contents of the lecture," it could not, on legal advice, ban it.

The scene, reminiscent of US campus protests in the 1960s, was not all violent, as most of the estimated 200 protesters demonstrated peacefully, holding candles and posters of Rabin. One poster had a picture of Yigal Amir shooting Rabin, with the question: "A Shabak [General Security Service] agent?" Another with Rabin's face said:

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Wounded baby released

Dr. Michael Winter takes his seven-month-old daughter, Shani, home from Ichilov Hospital yesterday, 12 days after she was wounded in the suicide bomb attack at Tel Aviv's Apropo cafe. Shani's mother, Anat Rosen-Winter, was one of three women killed in the explosion. Winter said he was taking Shani to his parents' home, where he hopes 'she will live a new, normal life.'

Majority supports Palestinian state, fears war - poll

By Jerusalem Post Staff

A majority of Jewish Israelis support the establishment of a Palestinian state, a Tel Aviv University survey found. The poll also indicated an even larger major-ity believe the chances of another Arab-Israeli war are very high.

Asked whether they support the establishment of a Palestinian state, if this would remove the main obstacle to real peace between Israel and the Palestinians, 51.3 percent said yes, 44.2% said no, and 4.5% were non-commital. The telephone poll of 503 Jewish

adults, conducted on Sunday, has a margin of error of 4%.

Other results show an 8% drop in

that the peace process will bear fruit, and a 6% decrease in those who support the Oslo process (from 54.1% to 48.0%).

Some 36% said they do not

believe there is a strong probability of war between Israel and the Arabs, while 59% said the chances are very high. Seventy-four percent said they are

concerned about the possibility that they or their families could become victims of terrorist attacks, while .26% are not worried. Most respondents (73.5%) believe the Palestinian leadership is not doing enough to stop terror.

On the internal front, support for a national unity government is on the increase. About 61% back the

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Mordechai seeking more Arrow funding

Israel is expected to ask the US today for funds to support the Arrow anti-missile program, Defense Minister Yuzhak Mordechai said yesterday in New York. The request will come in Mordechai's meetings with Defense Secretary William Cohen and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

In a wide-ranging speech, Mordechai told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that Israel will not allow itself to be in the same position as it was during the Gulf war, when it showed restraint under attack. "I'm not sure we'd do the same in the future," he said. Marilyn Henry

Sunday deadline for decision on Abu Marzook

Israel bas until Sunday to decide whether it wants to extradite Mousa Ahu Marzook, the political leader of Hamas, who has been detained in a federal jail in New York for almost 20 months, according to a US federal prosecutor, Baruch Weiss. In January, Abu Marzook, 46, dropped his fight against extradition and said he wanted to go to Israel to face charges of conspiracy

That announcement set in motion a 60-day clock for extradition. Abu Marzook's lawyer, Michael Kennedy, demanded this week that his client be released because 60 days bad passed. Weiss argued that the 60-day mark is Sunday. He also said that the US could continue to hold Ahu Marzook because there is a separate immigration case pending against him. Marilyn Henry

Police detain settlers for beating Palestinian

Police detained two residents of Itamar near Nablus yesterday for allegedly beating a disabled Palestinian youth whom they said was throwing stones at them. The Palestinian arrived at an DF base yesterday afternoon, saying the settlers caught him while chasing a group of stone-throwing youths, then beat him and dropped him off. The police said they detained then released the two settlers, and have not yet decided whether to press charges against them.

Arafat says Pakistan thwarted assassination

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat has disclosed that Pakistani authorities detained suspects who were plotting to. kill him during a visit to Islamabad last month, the Palestinian News Agency WAFA said yesterday.

"His excellency has said the Pakistani security apparatus has detained some persons during the emergency meeting of the Islamic Conference Organisation and that according to investigations there was an attempt on me," WAFA quoted Arafat as saying in Gaza on Tuesday.

ADL: US Jewish groups should stop meeting Arafat

The Anti-Defamation League yesterday called on US Jewish groups not to meet with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat until he resumes cooperation with Israel on security mat-

ADL national director Ahraham H. Foxman, currently in Israel, said that "the PA has terminated the crucial cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian security forces. Palestinian terrorists are once again targeting Israelis."

He advised that "with the breakdown in the security situation, it is important that we demonstrate our distress with Chairman Arafat's alarming policies by suspending meetings with him until such time as he reinstätes security arrangements."

Jerusalem Post Staff

Three killed in head-on Negev crash

Two women passengers in one car and the driver of a second car were killed about 2 a.m. yesterday, when the second car swerved suddenly into the path of the first and they collided suav Nevaum in the northero Negev. The husband of one of the women was seriously injured and was taken to Soroka Hospital in Beersheba.

Egypt produces its first drone

Egypt has huilt its first military reconnaissance drone, the Al-Ahram daily reported yesterday. The Saham-1, or Arrow, will be used hy Egypt's armed forces for aerial photography. Israel is a major producer of sophisticated drones. Iraq and Iran are believed to have produced less advanced versions of the

Smelly milk bags recalled

Tnuva recalled an undisclosed number of milk bags from Jerusalem stores yesterday, following complaints from consumers that they smelled heavily of acetone. Tnuva Jerusalem production manager Sbaul Reshef announced on Israel Radio that some milk hags distributed in the Jerusalem area had evidently absorbed paint odors during renovations at the Jerusalem dairy. He insisted the smells were external and that no foreign matter had penetrated the bags. The milk was safe to drink and its taste had not heen affected, he said. A caller to the radio had also complained that the milk tasted

Bus passenger injured in stone-throwing

A passenger was lightly injured by glass shards, when a No. 45 Egged hus was stoned in Jerusalem yesterday evening. The hus's rear window was broken.

In sorrow, we announce the passing of

KATE GUBBAY y"3

of London and New York.

The funeral will take place at the Shamgar funeral parlor, today, Thursday, April 3, at 10:00 a.m., and proceed to the Mount of Olives Cemetery.

Mourned by her son, Abraham Gubbay, and Family, London.

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Settlers deny housing report

Council says Moredechai never approved thousands of units

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza dismissed a Channel 2 report last night that Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai had approved building plans for thousands of units in Judea and Samaria on the eve of his departure for

According to the head of the council's for-eign desk, Yehiel Leiter, the report was an into account government decisions and only underhanded attempt to embarrass the govern-ment during Mordechai's visit in Washington and on the eve of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's trip there.

Asked for his response, Mordechai's media adviser Avi Benayahu said the minister approves plans according to the needs and nat-

after all legal aspects had been thoroughly examined

Leiter said there are now between 7,000 and 9,000 units throughout Judea and Samaria waiting for construction approval, many since 1993 and 1994.

wouldn't have given initial approval," Leiter

Current building plans seeking final approval include projects for 19 units in Otniel, 200 in Kedumim, over 1,000 in Ma'aleh Adumim, 2,000 in Kiryat Sefer, a few hundred in Har Adar, 700-800 in Givat Ze'ev and scores of others scattered in different communities throughout Judea and Samaria, he said.

PA Police round up Jihad activists

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and agencies

Palestinian Police said yesterday they have arrested dozens of Islamic Jihad activists following the two failed suicide homb attacks in the Gaza Strip on Tuesday.

"There are arrests to find out those who are conspiring against the Palestinian against the Palestinian Authority," said Palestinian Attorney-General Khaled Kidra. Islamic Jihad sources said police detained about 30 of their activists during overnight raids. But Islamic Jihad disavowed the two bombings, charging instead that Israel staged them to divert attention from its settlement pol-

"The Islamic Jihad in Palestine declares from the Gaza Strip as it did ahroad through its leader Dr Ramadan Shallah that it has nothing to do with the operations that occurred yesterday," Islamic Jihad spokesman. Sheikh Abdallah Shami, told a news conference in Gaza.

However, family members of the suicide bomhers, Abdallah Madhoun, 19, and Anwar Shabrawi, 20, who were huried yesterday, admitted that the two were members of Islamic Jihad. Meanwhile, residents of the

Netzarim settlement were astounded yesterday at the decision to keep the road running hy their settlement open to all Palestinian traffic, less than 24 hours after the two bombers hlew themselves up, narrowly missing a hus carrying the settlement's children to school.

"We are amazed that there has been no decision to close it, just as two years ago after a terrorist attack, the road was closed," said Netzarim spokesman Shlomo Kostiner last night. The residents are also demanding that the government carry ont a promise made to them to build an overpass at the junction adjacent to their community. This, further attacks on vehicles and says Kostiner, is the only way to huses.



A Palestinian demonstrator in the Jabalya refuges camp in the Gaza Strip yesterday holds up a poster with a photograph of suicide bomber Abdallah Madhoun, who attended the local high school. The poster glorifies his action and promises to continue the jihad against Israel.

the problems regarding the road and the overpass with National darity visit there yesterday.

ensure their safety and prevent Netzarim residents discussed Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, who paid them a soli-

Israel to skip Chinese defense show

By STEVE RODAN

Israel has decided not to participate in a major Chinese defense exhibition in October because it-

falls on Yom Kippur.

The Defense Ministry released a statement yesterday that its Sibat export division will not organize an Israeli pavilion at the China Aviation Expo '97 in Beijing. Sihat organized a large Israeli pavilion at the previous Chinese expo in 1995. Defense officials said that during the exhibition, Israeli firms forged links with for-eign companies that led to con-

The Defense Ministry statement stressed that Yom Kippur is the only reason for the Israeli cancel-

In a rare acknowledgement of ties to Beijing, the Defense Ministry said: "Over the last two years, defense cooperation between the two countries has increased and there has been will-. ingness to organize to repeat this participation in a similar forum."

The statement was released as Defense Minister Mordechai was about to begin his meetings with senior US officials; including Defense Secretary William Cohen. Over the last few weeks, US officials have quietly expressed renewed concero over Israel's defense relationship with China and said this would be a topic during Mordechai's visit to

One transaction that is expected to be raised is the \$250 million. Israeli-Russian deal to provide an early-warning aircraft to China. The deal was delayed because of: Russian refusal to provide the Ilyushin-76 cargo plane but that hurdle appears to have been overcome after Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's meeting with Russian President Boris Yeltsin last month.

Fast plane to China?, Page 7

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"We will never forget Who was killed/who did the killing."

"Freedom of speech is fine, but this is our freedom of speech as well," said Gabrielle Garay, a suident from Belgium, "and we refuse to let this man speak on our campus. If this was organized by the regular university, bell would be raised, complete hell. They could only get away with it because it's the one-year program, people who are here for a year who have different ideas of what's going on from

Inside the lecture hall, Chamish was presenting his assassination conspiracy theory to a crowd of journalists, the only people who were allowed inside the building. The demonstration taking place outside, he said, was also a con-

"This wasn't spontaneous, this was organized down to the sweaters," be said, referring to the Meretz sweatshirts many of the protesters wore.

"Somebody wants this stopped, and the only reason somebody is so passionate to have this stopped is clearly because they don't want this to be known."

Another touch of the '60s was Chamish's argument: As in the case of president John Kennedy, a political leader had been assassinated, and there had been a massive coverup.

The difference is that the conspiracy to kill Rabin was very sloppy, the conspiracy to kill Kennedy was pretty good," said Chamish."The Rahin conspiracy has so many loose ends - and they're undeniable."

For organizer Bunn, who said the event was postponed, not canceled, the issue was freedom of speech."The guy may or may not be right," said the 22-year-old from Indianapolis. That's why we brought him to an academic institution, where there can be professors, students, Israelis and students from abroad, who can come and challenge his facts, his proofs, his theories, etc.

"This is not at all what I expected - I expected people to come and protest what he said. Never in my wildest dreams did I expect such violent protests from students."

Chamish, meanwhile, said he felt like Mark Lane, the first person who challenged the findings of the Warren Commission report saying there was a lone Kennedy assassin.

"He was right in the end, and I'm going to be right in the end too." Chamish said.

Defense Minister Yizhak

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Levy conceded the PA is doing more against terrorism than before, but added: "As long as things happen out there, I cannot say it's doing everything it can. I know the US has made it clear to Arafat that fighting terrorism is a his basic obligation, as welt as being a definite American interest. A political process cannot go together with terrorism."

Marilyn Henry adds from

Mordechai, visiting the US, plans to tell American officials that Israel wants the peace process to move ahead. But, he said repeatedly, "We have to be sure the Palestinians are fighting terror." In turn, he said, Israel has to do

more to improve the lives of Palestinians in Jerusalem. "It is necessary to build for them, It is necessary to give them better education, and especially to show them that there will be changes in east Jerusalem in a very short time," Mordechai said.

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US A-G asked to probe Arafat's ties to World Trade Center blast

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania has asked Attorney-General Janet Reno 10 investigate whether Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat was involved in the 1993 World Trade Center hombing.

Specter said he was making the request in light of last week's Jerusalem Post report linking Arafat to meetings with Sudanese and Islamic terrorists prior to

"I would very much appreciate it if you would con-

duct the appropriate investigation to determine what evidence exists, if any, of Arafat's complicity in this matter." Specier wrote to Reno. "It appears to me that, if true, Arafat would be prosecutable under US criminal laws. I would appreciate your advice as to what indictments could be brought."

In an interview with The Jerusalem Post last week, Specter had said he did not know "any of the facts. one way or the other" and would reserve judgment. Specter's office did not say yesterday what information he has received since then that led to his asking for the investigation.

Leah Rabin: JFK Jr. crossed red line

WASHINGTON (AP) - Leah Rahin charged yesterday that John F. Kennedy's Jr.'s magazine crossed the "red line" hy publishing an article hy Geula Arnir, the mother of her hushand's assassin.

"How, of all people, could he do such a thing?" Rahin asked of the son of president John Kennedy, who was assassinated in 1963. "Perhaps he needed a sensational piece to sell his paper."
In the March issue of George.

Kennedy said he believes the article was offered to his political magazine in hopes that "my famihistory would bring added attention to their story. But he also described the piece

as "clearly the view of an anguished mother and a staunch right-winger,"and not "an objective examination of the events surrounding the assassination." Asked yesterday about Rabin's

criticism, a spokeswoman for the magazine said Kennedy's editorial statement speaks for itself. Geula Amir wrote that her son Yigal was goaded to shoot Rabin

hy Avishai Raviv, who actually was an undercover agent for the General Security Service. Rabin, who was in Washington to promote her new book, Our Life, His Legacy, about herself, her husband, and Israel, said she normally doesn talk about the

killer, but made an exception to

denounce the article.

Northern border residents protest budget cuts

By DAVED RUDGE

Heads of northern border communities yesterday pitched a tent to protest government plans to cut their budgets. They charged that the govern-

ment had reneged on previous commitments to give additional assistance to border area residents. They also rejected allegations that the protest campaign was politically motivated, noting that those taking part in the demonstra-tion included council heads from the Likud, National Religious

Party, Labor, and independents. The demonstrators, who set up their tent at Biranit, and took turns in blocking the road from Rosh Hanikra to Kiryat Shmona. There were no major disruptions, and police did not intervene.

The council heads also shut down municipal services. 'The aim is to remind the gov-

The government in 1996 fulfilled all its promises, what concerns us is that this year we are already receiving announcements. of significant cutbacks. That's the reason we have pitched this tent as a symbol."

Buhbut who is also mayor of Ma'alot, said that Netanyahu had not responded to their calls for a meeting and no ministers had been in touch with them.

ernment of the decision of the pre-

vious administration, which was endorsed by Prime Minister

Binyamin Netanyahu and the pre-

sent government, to give residents of the North special assistance."

said Shlomo Buhhut, chairman of

the forum of heads of confronta-

tion line settlements.

This is only the start of our campaign and we won't cease until the government announces categorically that there won't be any budget cuts," he added.

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Nazareth not ready for 2000

Preparations are continuing in Nazareth for celebrations to mark the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of Jesus and the accompanying expected mass influx of

Mayor Ramez Jeraisy noted that Nazareth, along with Jerusalem and Bethichem, would be the focus of Christian pilgrimage in three years and that a great deal effort and money is being invested in preparation. He complained, however, that not all the money earmarked by the government for development as part of the "Nazareth 2000" project is being made avail-

Jeraisy said that the government had allocated NIS 500 million for the preparations, which include renovating the city's old quarter, improving roads, pavements, street lighting, and other infrastructure. He said that NIS 260 million has already been spent, but now the government was only prepared to release half of the remaining NIS 240 million.

Jeraisy charged that the preparations would not be completed in time if the funds are not made available. He said the country is generally unprepared to cope with the expected influx of millions of Christian pil-

Nazareth has only 600 hotel rooms, and City Council officials said that unless work begins soon on planned new hotels, there would be a shortage of

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Conversion bill success stings Labor

By LIAT COLLINS

"We suffered a stinging defeat," party leader Shimon Peres admitied, as the Labor Knesset faction licked its wounds and traded insults yesterday, after its failure to block the first reading of the conversion bill on Tuesday.

Dalia ltzik convened a meeting which focussed on the high number of Labor MKs who were absent for the vote, despite the faction's decision to vote as one egainst it.

Eli Ben-Menahem called out to faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen, one of the absences: "It stinks

from the top."

Cohen cited "personal reasons" for not being present for the vote, and rejected the criticism by saying nearly all the MKs had at one time or another been excused from a vote on the same grounds.

Much of the fire was reserved for three of the candidates for the party leadership - Yossi Beilin, Ephraim Soeh, and Ehud Barak who were absent for the vote. It is widely believed that they did oot want to ruin their future relations

with the religious parties. Beilin said he stayed away to counter the absence of Finance Minister Dan Meridor, who was abroad. This type of pairing between MKs of different parties is regularly practiced. "It's an accepted norm," he said.

But Uzi Baram said there are some votes on which such pairing is not acceptable, "and this was one of them because of its tremendous implications both at bome

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140,000 children not safe from gas attack

By ARIEN O'SILLIVAN

Some 70,000 children and infants under the age of three do not have adequate protection from a chemical attack and another 70,000 children under 10 are not protected, because of shortages due to parents not changing their children's equipment, a senior Home Front Command officer has warned,

According to LL-Col. Reuven Gutman, head of the HFC's planning division, because parents have not traded in their Shmartaf. kits [incubator-like filtered boxes] used for those under three years of age for the Bardas [mask with a battery-powered air pump] as their ehildren grew, there is now a shortage of Shmartafs for distribution to the public.

The cost of purchasing this amount [70,000] of Shmartafs is more than NIS 20 million," Gutman was quoted as saying in

the IDF's Bamahane weekly.

However, Gutman stressed that the IDF has not yet reached a situation where it cannot supply infant protection for babies being born today. The HFC telephoning and sending written requests to the parents of some 70,000 infants asking them to exchange their children's protection, he said.

"We are giving them two options - pay for them or come exchange them. Understandably, no one has come yet to pay," Gutman said. "But the problem is that not many have come to exchange them, either."

The Shmartaf, made to last 10 years, will optimally be passed on to three different children before it is outdated. Gutman said a nomber of ideas were raised to try to lure parents to the gas mask distribution centers. One of these included handing out toys, but the idea was

Scouts fight planned cuts

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The Israel Scouts has launened a protest campaign against planned budget cuts threatening to force the youth organization to fold some of its teots, especially in the periphery.

The organization, which has some 42,000 members in about 130 troops throughout the country, is facing severe cuts and the possible closing of some 30 branches, Israel Scouts national secretary Shlomo Dushi said yesterday.

The scouts' protest included a demonstration opposite the Knesset earlier this week, and other protests are also planned. ..

The ents stem from a change in the organization's status. A 1959 ruling established the Israel Scouts as a national youth movement, open to everyooe and funded by the Education Ministry.
This original status included a

financial agreement, set in 1963, that granted the Israel Seouts twice their oumerical representation among overall Israeli youth organizations when it came to financial allocations. This, Dushi explained, was done to offset the fact that the scouts could oot receive funds from political or other organizations.

However, former attorney-general Michael Ben-Yair ruled that the sconts should not be given financial preference, saying this violated the principle of equality among youth groups. The

arrangement was thos changed, the doubling agreement was cuts had to be absorbed by the

The Israel Seouts budget for 1995 was NIS 5.5 millioo, while io '96 it dropped to NIS 4.6m, and the '97 budget has been set at NIS 4m. Dushi says the cuts will oot only force branches to close. but also burt leadership training m the youth movement, which is also very active in sending delegations to camps and other programs in North America.

Dushi said he regrets the scouts have to take action, but that the matter had dragged oo too long. "We always cooperated with the Education Ministry in the past, and hope to find a way to do so again, but first a solution needs to be found to give the Israel Scouts a fitting budget to carry out its activities, and to spread its message to Israeli youth," he said.

In response to the scouts' Education demonstration, Hammer Minister Zevulun renewed his promise to scout leaders to try to reiostate their status as a national youth movement. "As long as we have not yet received any oew directives from the attorney-general, we cannot legally act any differently. We have nothing against the Israel Scorts - just the opposite. We believe in and recognize their ability and social mission, and will continge to act to change the criteria."

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First two Beduin to be admitted to med school

By JUDY SIEGEL

Two Israeli Beduin girls will soon become the first of their community to be admitted to medical school.

The two, and 24 other Beduin, have just completed successfully a two-year course of enrichment in the medical sciences at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba. Of the 26 graduates, 18 are girls, and the two girls were the only graduates to decide to apply to BGU's Goldman Medical School. They will undoubtedly be admitted, according to the univer-

Higher education for girls has not received high priority among the Negev Beduin; 80 percent of them never enter high school. The reason is that it hasn't been considered "proper" for girls to be

seen among strangers. The two have done extremely

well in the enrichment course. They claim they're "smarter" than the boys, while boys maintain that they excelled because they have more time to study as they aren't permitted to "hang out" with their

The course offered studies in basic sciences, cancer, diabetes, lab procedures, and infectious diseases. It was initiated by universihealth sciences dean Prof. Shraga Segal and Dr. Riad Agbaria. All participants were required to carry out research projects, which will be displayed at today's graduation ceremony in Beersheba.

Other course graduates plan to continue their studies in tiursing. physiotherapy, and other paramedical fields, while four boys are applying to medical schools in Germany. Some graduates intend to study biology and to teach Bedain children.

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By PHILIPPA FLETCHER

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Russia and Belarus signed an outline Union Treaty yesterday but agreed to rework the details after l Ith-hour intervention by liberals in Moscow wary of further integration with Russia's controversial neighbor.

President Boris Yeltsin signed the treaty with Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko.

"The union does not create a single state. Each side maintains its sovereignty. At the same time it takes our integration onto a qualitatively new phase." Yeltsin said after the signing.

The accord was designed to build on a "community treaty" signed exactly a year ago when Yeltsin, then running for reelection, sought to appeal to nostalgia among Russian voters for the Soviet Union which collapsed in 1991.

But it was a far cry from the

ally to unite his struggling 10million-strong republic with the vast Russian Federation.

Few people io either country oppose integration, but there is fierce debate in Russia about the wisdom of rushing into a partnership with a country whose poor buman rights record and slow reforms have put it on a collision course with the West.

The original 17-page draft was reduced to a three-page statement in furious last-minute bargaining sparked by reformists appointed last month to Russia's cabinet.

"Preparations for the document unfortunately did not take place without bitter opposition," said a grim-faced Lukashenko, barely hiding his disappointment at the signing ceremony.

But Yeltsin performed a difficult political balancing act, win-ning the approval of Russia's opposition communist leader Gennady Zyuganov.

An accompanying charter, con-taining the meat of the original

Lukashenko, who wants eventu- draft, was initialled by the presidents and sent for six weeks of reworking and public discussion. Liberal critics feared the original draft could harm Russia's

economy and make Lukashenko, who once professed respect for Adolf Hitlet, a key player in Moscow politics.
Above all, liberals feared Lukashenko could win jurisdic-tion over decisions affecting.

Russia under a Supreme Council set to oversee the Russia-Belarus union under the draft. The new document "is much more thought-out than before,

thanks to intelligent people," Russian First Deputy Prime Minister Boris Nemtsov said. Yeltsin said the treaty gave citizens of the two countries freedom of movement and rights of residency, property ownership and participation in local elections in

"It is entirely in line with those norms which have existed for a long time in the countries of the European Union," Yeltsin said.

both Belarus and Russia.



Russian President Boris Yeltsin toasts his Belarussian counterpart Alexander Lukashenko in the Kremlin yesterday.

Wealthy town ignores suicides

RANCHO SANTA FE (AP) — The low-key hum of huxury life has returned to this community in southem California, a week after a million-dollar mansion was turned into a launching pad for a leap of faith in an alien spaceship ride.

Nothing remains to remind residents of last Wednesday, when 39 bodies were found in one of this exclusive suburban community's luxury homes.

The Spanish-style mansion where wide-eyed Heaven's Gate cult leader Marshall Applewhite and followers performed a tidy suicide ritual stood vacant yesterday.

A road crew worked on Colina Norte, the dead-end lane leading to the home, but otherwise everything was quiet in this community of rolling hills a few miles from the

Even the discovery of handguns and rifles in storage bins rented by cult members did not appear to investigators that the cult planned

nothing more than a suicide. Lt. Jerry Lipscomb, the sheriff's he said,

lead homicide detective, said there was no evidence the cult used weapons "either for hunting or criminal activity," Some cars on the main road slowed as they passed the blocked cul-de-sac, but there was nothing to be seen and they moved on through the citrus orchards, and

eucalyptus and pepper trees.
"I think time will gradually oormalize things," said Philip Keep, a 23-year resident. "I think people recognize that this was an unfortunate thing that could happen any-where." The cult had lived there since October, making little contact with neighbors. Rancho Hand Car Wash, however, was one place where they left a void.

Cult members would bring cars in just about every other day. Their vehicles were always very clean and usually needed only minor touchups. If oot the best-paying customers, the members of Heaven's Gate were the friendliest, said Jim

"It was kind of a social event for them. They'd come down and talk,"

Lebanese, 135, may be world's oldest man

QINIEH, Lebanon (Reoter) Jeanne Calment, move aside.

According to official Lebanese records the oldest person in the world lives in Lebanon, not France, and he is a man, not a woman.

Former charcoal burner Ali Mohammed Hussein can hardly hear or see and his speech is unintelligible, but he still walks shakily around the remote, impover-ished village of Qinieh in oortheast Lebanon with the help of a walking stick.

The records say he is 135 years

His blue eyes are theumy, his face is covered with a rough, white beard and his bands tremble as be sits hunched in a blanket on an old mattress in his one-room stone hovel.

Hammoudi, 62, shows his father's identity document. Issued in 1996, it says he was born in 1862 at Qinieh, a village of flat-roofed stone cottages in the rocky uplands of Akkar, Lebanon's northernmost province.

The date on the card would make Hussein 13 years older than Calment, officially the oldest person in the world at 122, and 21 years older than Christian Mortensen of Denmark, who at 114 is believed to be the world's oldest man.

Hussein's age is also registered in Interior Ministry records at the nearby town of Konbayat.

Like all official records in Lebanon, his birth date is based on the country's only complete census, taken in 1932 under French rule.

Birth and death records were not kept systematically in Lebanon before 1932 and Hussein's remote northern village did not even appear in a partial census taken in 1921. But a government official said he

believed Hussein's 1862 birth date

UN repatriates Zaire refugees

GOMA (Reuter) - The UN refugee agency started repatriating 3,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees from Zaire yesterday and a UN investigator accused rebels of massacring the Hutus late last year.

The rebels meanwhile dismissed the nomina-tion of Etienne Tshisekedi by the opposition in Kinshasa as Zaire's new prime minister as making no difference to their goal.

Peter Kessler, a spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Goma city, said the agency expected to have repatriated 3,000 Hutu refugees by truck to Rwanda from Karuba oy the end of yesterday.

Aid officials said 20,000 refugees remained at Karuba west of Goma and they expected sites at Tingi Tingi and Amisi were emptied of refugees by two flights yesterday to Goma for

Kessler said the highest death rate appeared to

capital of Kisangani where about half the 800 refugees there in mid-March had died of malnutrition, malaria, sickness and their wounds.

He said aid agency staff clearing shelters at Lula, seven km south of Kisangani, found 50 bodies on Monday of refugees who had died from exhaustion, sickness or malnutrition. The rebels ordered 20,000 refugees to leave

Lula on Monday and join another 60,000 farther south of Kisangani for security reasons. The rebels fear they include former Rwandan Hutu troops and militiamen who fought alongside Zairean government troops. In Geneva, a UN human rights investigator

accused the rebels of massacring Rwandan refugees during their push across the region late last year and urged a speedy investigation.

Roberto Garreton said upon his return from a three-day visit to Goma that the rebels had failed .

to come up with satisfactory answers to allegations of killings, torture and disappearances.

At a news conference, Garreton said eyewitness accounts of the number of people killed by the rebels ranged from bundreds to 50,000 and demanded a detailed probe by independent experts to be appointed by the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva.

There were massacres by the rebels. That's for sure. There's an enormous list of allegations of massacres but it is impossible to give oumbers," the Chilean investigator said.

Zaire accuses Rwanda's Tutsi-dominated army and Ugandan troops of supporting the; rebels, but they deny these charges.

"I can't say that the Rwandan and Ugandan armies are there with their generals and colonels. But the local people view the rebel forces as an occupation army. It is clear that these rebels are not Zaireans," Garreton said.

Death penalty hangs No foreigners please, over McVeigh we're British

DENVER (AP) — Timothy a requirement for jurors. McVeigh, wearing a buzz haircut and blue oxford shirt, leaned forward in his chair and watched as several men aod women were asked if they could order his

The person that committed this crime should get the death penalty," a man who works in a paint warebouse wrote in his questionnaire about Oklahoma City bombing.

The married father of a 15month-old son was also asked if he could base his decision on the evidence alone.

"You won't make a decision until the fat lady sings?" US Attorney Patrick Ryan asked. "Right," be responded.

By the close of the second day of jury selection, 12 people had been questioned by lawyers and the penalty and pretrial publicity.

judge on matters like the death Mostly reporters filled the courtroom. Fewer than a dozen bombing survivors and their relatives

were present. Openness to the death penalty is

Only one person was dismissed, a woman who broke into tears during questioning. Most said they would be able to recommend death if circumstances warrant the penalty.

McVeigh faces federal murder, conspiracy and weapons-related charges in the April 1995 federal building bombing that killed 168 people and injured more than 500. Nineteen children were among the victims.

The other suspect, 42-year-old Terry Nichols, will be tried sep-

McVeigh, 28, looked directly at the men and women as they were questioned. His father, William McVeigh, sat in the front row, telling a reporter he had not seen his son for almost two years until

the eve of the trial. "He was happy; he was smiling. It was Timmy," Bill McVeigh said in yesterday's edition of the Rocky Mountain News.

He and his former wife, Mildred Frazer, have sat in the front row of the public seats during the jury selection.

One man said that as a Catholic philosophy professor he was generally against the death penalty, but "I could consider death."

lived up to its "little Englander" reputation yesterday when the ruling Conservatives banned Europeans from the launch of their election manifesto.

The French furned. The Dutch opted to grio and bear it while weary German journalists blamed age-old British xenophobia. This reinforces all the preju-

dices about Britain's isolationism. Obviously the Conservatives' defense against the rest of Europe starts here and now at Conservative Central Office," said Tina van Houts, a Dutch journalist.

The fracas began when the Conservative Party summoned journalists to the unveiling of its party manifesto, not least on it plans for European economic integration and NATO enlargement.

Prime Minister John Major spoke of "a confident, united and sovereign nation" and of a Britain that was "the best place in the world to live." Others begged to differ.

Indeed, no sooner had the doors closed behind him, than a furious foreign press corps questioned Major's pledge to stay at the heart of Europe.

"For us on the continent, this is the most important European elec-

LONDON (Reuter) - Britain tion this year and we should have been allowed access," said Theo Zoll, bureau chief of German television ZDF.

The angry outcasts lodged a formai compisint with Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind, saying such shenanigans never happen back home.

We have no prejudices like the stereotypes say," said Reinhart Haecker of Germany's Stuttgarter Zeitung. "It never happens in ourcountry that a British person is excluded and we expect to be handled the same way in this country, especially after Mr Major told us be will be at the heart of Europe."

"I'm disgusted but not surprised," said Etienne Duval, who works for French, German, Belgian and Swiss television.

They say there are no votes in France and when MPs talk to us, they more often than not ask for 50 pounds (\$82) or more. It's only money that gets most of them to talk to us in Europe." The Conservatives, already caught np in cash-for-questions scandals on a much grander scale, said the dispute was over space and nothing

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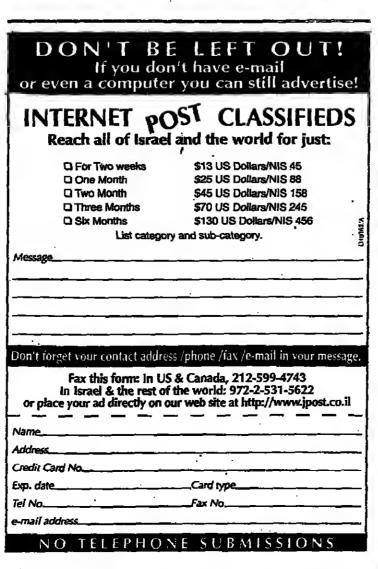
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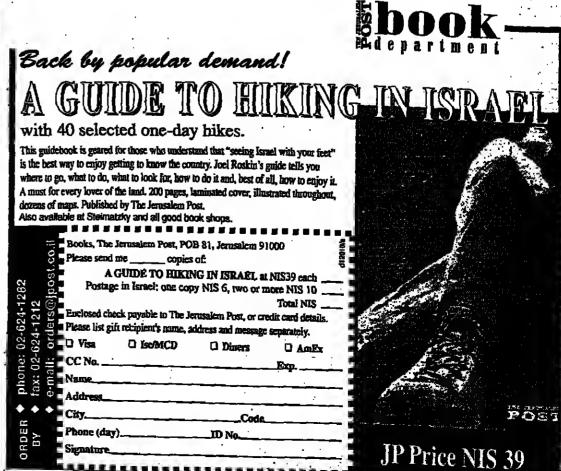
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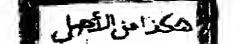
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Get-rich-quick money no longer tainted

By HUTHE BLUE

case, God!" beseeched the old man of Jewish-joke fame. Would it have killed you to fet me win the loctery once in my poor miserable life? I'm just as good a person as anyone else..."

"I would have been happy to help you," Gulf itsponded, "but you never bought a deket!" Prompted by reader request – and a growing number of people who take this joke seriously – I devote this column to Israel's lot-

Though the lottery was estab-lished here as early as 1951 (using the phrase which rhymes in Hebrew: "Payis in country, Payis in town - Payis turns the poor into rich" to encourage people to buy tickets), it was not a smashing success. This may have had something to do with the general social-

ist attitude - in those days, the

ooly acceptable attitude - that

money earned not by the sweat of

one's brow was somehow tainted. Though the lottery tried to impress on the public that the money was going towards "building" the country - not just into the pockets of a handful of winners, it still did not take off in a big way until the 1980s. This, too, may have had more to do with a change in public attitudes than with the bombastic market-

mg techniques. In 1982, Mifal Hapayis began its subscriber program, an Israeli invention which began to catch on in lotteries around the world. This innovation was geared towards the couch potatoes among us, who'd like to have a chance at a lucky break, as long as we don't have to drag ourselves out to some concession stand once a week, or worry about whether we have a few shekels in our wallets with which to pay for a ticker.

And though some people prefer to fill out Louo (where you select combinations of numbers on a chart) or Chance (where you select combinations of suits and numbers, like in a card game) or Hish-Gad (where you "scratch" to search for winnings) - additional Mifal Hapayls games - many would rather not deal with it "hands on" on a regular basis.

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Oberson's best yet





For a while, it seemed as if the muse was giving Gideon Oberson a miss. Beset by financial woes, Israel's premier couture designer seemed to have put his creativity on hold while sorting out his money problems. But theo swimwear company Klil Yoffi came to the rescue, buying out Oberson's own swimwear operation while retaining him as designer under his own brand name, and the muse came dancing back.
There was already a hint of

this a few weeks ago when Oberson launehed the fashion career of his daughter Karen. The two held a mini show around the family pool in Kfar Shmaryahu to let their elients know that a fresh breath of youth was breezing through the Oberson salon.

At a beoefit show held last week, the consensus was that Gideon Oberson and Kareo Oberson a.k.a. GO and KO, make a very good team.

From the smiles, nods, bursts of applause and commeous exchanged, it would be fair to say that fashion reporters were not alone in their opinion that this was Oberson's best collection in years.

Aside from the rich array of fabries - filmy organzas, floating, gossamer-fine chiffoos, glitter surfaces and intriguing stretch Lyera - the styling and the superh cuts were simply stunoing. Oberson has always been a

master of shape, hot this time he has absolutely outdone himself, and Karen is living proof of the apple not falling far from the

Her white, trumpet-sleeved, loosely buttoned, eropped boxy jacket paired with loose-fitting tie-waisted black pants was a delightful synthesis of elegance and energy.

Equally exciting were her wrapped mid-calf skirts over slightly longer pants or straight skirts, and her button-through belted ballerina dresses opening most of the way to reveal matching shorts. Meanwhile father Gideon

infused high drama with romance in filmy layered evening gowns. A brilliant turquolse offering had a shimmeriog water effect induced by horizontal pleats which moved like waves.

Olive green became anything but drab in an empire line ensemble which featured a



Oberson's spring/summer collection

sequined zigzag bodice topped by a square-shouldered, shawlcollared bolero. Blues and greens in almost

every hue figured prominently in Oberson's lavish output, ranging from the palest ice-and-water tones to deep shades of inky blue-Some of the filmy gowns were

almost a homage to the Mediterranean with washes of vivid blues and greens merging into each other.

Prints were largely confined to scattered, Star-shaped flowers.

With few exceptions, necklines were low-cut and revealing, indicating that oow is the time to slowly start developing a good suntan.

All in all there were few colors omitted from the Oberson palette, which means that for those who can afford him, there's no problem in finding a color that suits.

Obersoo's prices start in excess of NIS 2,000, but his daughter's designs are io a more modest price range, beginning at

Blockbuster art show reveals malaise of 1930s

By MARILYN AUGUST

PARIS - Threatening Times is an apt title for France's latest blockbuster show of the art which emerged from the grim social and political climate of the 1930s. With more than 500 paintings, sculpture, photographs. newsreel clips, posters, books and magazines, this mega display reads like so many visual warnings of the death and destruction that would follow Hitler's rise to power.

The show covers lots of ground - from cool abstractions by Piet Mondrian and sensual sculpture by Henry Moore to realistic renditions of the Aryan ideal museled blond youth in Nazi brown shirts.

There's also plenty of social realism, with Henri Cartier Bresson's black-andwhite photos of striking French auto workers sleeping on the floor of a Renault

German photographer August Sander captured his country's Jewish bourgeoisie with a series of haunting portraits. Unsmiling and dignified, each one is entitled Portrait of a Persecuted Jew.

Cadavers, invalids, death masks, mntilated torsos in military tents, pictures of the homeless, the unemployed and the persecuted. These works are compelling, but depressing too.

Whether abstract or figurative, the works paint a portrait of homanity adrift

and oppressed in a vain struggle for freedom.

The exhibit whose title comes from Rene Magritte's 1929 masterpiece, Le Temps Menacant, celebrates the 60th anniversary of the eity's Museum of Modern Art, where it opened last month and runs through May 25.

The works are hung ehronologically, beginning in 1929 with the Wall Street stock market crash and ending with Germany's invasion of Poland in 1939. They are spread out over the museum's three floors and require comfortable

shoes and stamina to be seen in their

For French art critic Yves Kobry, the

show underlined "a malaise in civilization." Malaise may be putting it mildly.

The 1930s were fraught with upheaval and tension as political leaders in Italy, France, Spain and Germany pounded home nationalistic messages laced with anti-Semitism and xenophobia.

The art world was in turnlt too. Various "tendencies coexisted and crashed into each other," Kobry wrote in the monthly Beaux Arts Magazine which devoted a special issue to the exhibition. Among them: cubism, abstract expressionism, surrealism, Dadaism and post-Impressionism which flourished in the

1930s and then vanished. Many of the works are cries of indigna-

tion, such as Pablo Picasso's Guernica, (1937) on loan from Madrid's Musco Nacional Centro de arte Reina Sofia. The work is widely regarded as one of the eloquent condemnations of the bombing of a small Spanish village during the Civil War. Joan Miro's Aidez l'Espagne (Help Spain) is an outright plea to the outside

The only major artist to support General Francisco Franco's dictatorship was Salvador Dali, a diehard monarchist who, admittedly, was equally fascinated

world.

with Hitler. One of the show's highlights is Dali's The Enigma of William Tell, a monumental, surrealistic painting executed in 1934

which the artist's peers denigrated as a "counter-revolutionary" attempt to ridicule Lenin. In the work, loaned by Stockholm's

Moderna Museet, a half-naked Communist worker, wearing Lenin's trademark goatee and mustache, is on his knees. One elongated buttock resembling a giant, horizontal phallus is held up by a slingshot, while the visor of his cap is stretched in the other direction like a flapping tongue.

There are also a few surprises. Pierre Bonnard's peach-skinned nude soaking in the tub, with feather-light brushstroke and bold colors, strikes visitors as singularly out of step with the rest of the

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The Belarus union farce

Hitler. Thankfully, he has shown no propensity for emulating him and seems content with being a grim-faced lower-echelon dictator. but he is still one of the more unsavory characters thrown up from the debris of the collapsed Communist empire. Given that survival is the religion of such power-hungry inadequates, it is hard to know what to make of Lukashenko's obsessive drive to reunite Belarus with Russia. Such men are not usually driven by a desire to put themselves out of a job - the inevitable result of such a union.

After much ballyhoo about the proposed signing of the ontline Union Treaty between the Russian bear and the Belarussian ferret - and even considerable international attention - the actual exchange of signatures yesterday turned out to be somewhat farcical. The usual theme of such rare ceremonies (as when new states join the European Union) is of course to emphasize the seriousness and virtues of the new union. Yet President Boris Yeltsin's first words after the signing insisted that the treaty in no way creates a single state and that each side maintains absolute sovereignty. Its purpose, said Yeltsin, "is to take our integration onto a qualitatively new phase" - whatever that means. It seemed a thin reason for such a large political and media event.

Even more astonishing was the even grimmerthan-normal visage of Lukashenko at the ceremony and his sour comment that "preparations for the document unfortunately did not take place without bitter opposition." Both sides had assured their citizens that this treaty was a consummation devoutly to be wished - yet here was a signing ceremony with all the joy of a Third Reich annexing a Denmark.

There were several clues to the charade, It has been Lukashenko who has been pushing the proposed reintegration of Belarus into Russia it is Russia that is wary of all the whys and wherefores of such a union. There are grave doubts in Moscow about the need to rush into a partnership with a new state whose poor human rights record, dictatorial tendencies, and scorn of reform have made it one of the West's least favorite regimes. However, before the last Russian election, it was exactly these attributes that made a Belarus union politically attractive in Moscow.

Hence, a year ago, when Yeltsin was running for reelection, a "community treaty" was signed between Belarus and Russia designed to tap into Soviet nostalgia and take the wind out of the sails of Russia's nationalists and pro-Soviet Communists. This led Lukashenko to believe his political suitor was more ardent than Moscow was in reality. Hence, only hours before yesterday's signing, he found himself

Sir, - I was born in Vienna in

1926 and spent my childhood

there. My family and I were

deported in September 1942 to

Auschwitz, and I am the sole sur-

vivor. During all these years I

have never received any substan-

tial compensation from Austria

and because I am an Austrian,

Germany refused my claim for a

pension for the loss of my family,

my home, my education and my

freedom. I became reconciled to

the fact that Austria had abrogated

its responsibility for the annihila-

tion of everything and everybody

When Austria finally agreed, 50

years too late, to make a one-time

payment, I felt that at last an

attempt was being made to redress

the wrong, although the proposed

amount was derisory. After filling

in all the requisite forms and sub-

mitting them, I waited. When I

inquired how long it would take, I

was appalled to discover that pay-

ments were being made according

to date of hirth and at the present

time, they had reached year 1922.

I was informed by the Organization for Austrians in Tel

Aviv that the reason for the slow

procedure was that it was being

After being silent for all these

years, I suddenly feel an immense

sense of outrage. I would like to

sue Austria for compensation, for

having left me bereft of family,

everyone I ever loved, having

destroyed my youth, poisoning

even my childhood memories of

my beloved Vienna and damaging

handled by volunteers.

dear to me.

Theresienstadt, and later

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

AUSTRIAN JEWISH SURVIVORS

OF THE HOLOCAUST

elarus President Alexander Lukashenko like some abandoned bride faced with a fear of once professed admiration for Adolf commitment from the other side. The treaty signed was a long way from the one Lukashenko wanted. After an 11th-hour intervention by liberals in Moscow, who were wary of further integration with this unsavory neighbor, the original 17-page draft treaty was slimmed to a three-page statement of intent. An accompanying charter, containing the substance gutted from the original draft treaty, was just initialed by the two leaders yesterday and sent for six weeks of "discussion and revision." No one is taking any bets on when it will next be heard of.

Significantly, the last-minute haggling was led by reformists appointed last month to Yeltsin's revisionist cabinet. Lukashenko still hasn't got the message - Moscow does as Moscow needs, not as Minsk demands. For Yeltsin, the political dividend is entirely kitchen-sink stuff -- he actually managed to win some approval from his arch rival, communist leader Gennady Zyuganov. The reformist opponents simply do not want to soil their Russian hands hy joining them with the likes of Lukashenko. Practically - and with reason they also feared the original draft would barm Russia's economy if implemented. They see Lukashenko's motivation as dumping Belarus's economic woes - which he is unwilling and unable to confront - into Russia's lap, while using the union to carve out a playing role in hig-power Russia politics rather than in the stagnant backwater of Minsk.

In fact, the treaty is a farce on many counts. As Russia's Democratic Union Party said, probably correctly, it is a vehicle for the proto-fascist Lukashenko to launch himself into Russian politics. Meanwhile, Zyuganov's gushing proclamation that "We again live in a union which stretches from Brest [on the Polish border] to Vladivostok" seemed farcically premature to say the least, especially as he added that Ukraine and Kazakhstan, Russia's most substantial neighbors, would soon join the federation as well.

Ironically if there is any fallout from the feeble Belarus union, it could point to disintegration rather than closer integration in the federation. A state like rebel Chechnya would be delighted to accept the measure of independence and autonomy codified for Belarus in the loose "union" treaty. This indicates what route Lukashenko should be taking. Instead of pursuing clusive personal ambitions for himself in Russia, he ought to abandon his grandiose and idiotic schemes, accept the independence of his people as a gift from the gods - and get on with reforms and democratic processes that would make their independence worthwhile and their lives worth living. He would be better off thinking not Soviet Union, but European Union.

NATIONAL UNITY

exist when the arrogance of Labor does not permit it to accept that it was thrown out of

office.

12 hours). We are very sorry that Mrs. Mandelstam was therefore wrongly informed hy the Organization of Austrians in Tel

than 12,000 payments have been effected around the world. The payments are made according to age priority, due to the fact that the oldest applicants were born in 1891. In March 1997, we paid out to almost all applicants born till 1922. In case of grave illness, or social

my life forever. I feel morally bound to expose the cynicism and lack of compassion of the Austrian government and its people and can only conclude that their intention is for the claimants to

predecease the settlement.

LUCY MANDELSTAM Hadera.

Hannah Lessing, Secretary General of the Austrian National Fund, replies:

The Nationalrat adopted in June 1995 the Federal Law on the National Fund of the Republic of Austria for the victims of National Socialism.

According to the Institute of the National Fund, the moral joint responsibility and the wrong inflicted on human beings hy Nazism in Austria shall be recognized and special help be given to the victims, even though the sufferings can never be "repaired." The one-time payment as such can only be called a

The National Fund is headed hy a full-time secretary general, six full-time employees, two half-time employees and mine work-study students (the average working time per day being

Aviv that the fund is only run hy volunteers.

Since November 1995, more hardsbip, payment can be effected earlier. The committee of the National Fund also agreed to pay earlier all survivors of concentration camps, due to their enormons sufferings during the war. We are right now in the process of paying regularly the camp survivors and Mrs. Mandelstam's payment should be due within the

next month.

Sir, - The unity in Amotz Asa-El's fine article, "When unity works" (March 28) faces three

First, I cannot see how a government of national unity can

More critical, however, is Mr. Asa-El's assertion that "the question has been reduced to how to go about [negotiating with the Palestinians] while retaining a maximum of national assets." The Labor government spent four years telling us that it bad not given up any national assets. Mr. Peres told us that the

Golan is Syrian territory. Yael Dayan tells us that East Jerusalem has nothing to do with Israel. Upon the signing of Oslo II, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer rejoiced openly at what he called "the end of Eretz Yisrael Hashlema." If the issue were negotiating to maximize our assets, Mr. Asa-El would be correct But what 2,000 years of exile defined as assets are defined by Labor as liabilities

that we should be happy to part

But perhaps the biggest block to national unity is the answer to the question, "what if it doesn't work?" I am very much in favor of national consensus and I firmly believe that most of the right would be willing to make surprisingly large concessions to achieve that aim. However, as long as Labor declines to address the possibility of continued attack hy the Arabs after a "final" settlement, much less address it in a way that the majority might accept - there isn't much point.

İSRAEL PIÇKHOLTZ Elazar.





This street hawker has no trouble with shoppers squeezing the merchandise. He selis scorpions to Calcutta men seeking to upgrade their sex drive. The oil squeezed from a dead scorpion is used in India as an aphrodisiac.

Two Jewish mandarins

houl Eisenberg, that most discreet of multi-hillionaires. Look most of his many secrets to the grave. But not all of them.

One was the way he forged ties and trust between Israel and the most populous country on the globe - communist China. It was a remarkable achievement, for at the time Peking refused to recognize

the Jewish state. When, in the late '70s, Yasser Arafat asked Chinese leaders for aid against the Israelis, he was asked: "How many of them are there?" After being told: "Four million," they asked dismissively,

"What hotel do they live in?" All the greater the surprise when Eisenberg came to Menachem Begin some 20 years ago, and told him: The Chinese are ready to make a \$10 billion deal with Jerusalem under which Israel's aircraft and defense industries would modernize the Chinese armed forces." Peking sought desperately to deter the might of a hostile Moscow.

With US approval, Begin gave Eisenberg the exclusive right to handle the deal. Hundreds of Israel's most skilled technicians, engineers and weapons experts flew quietly to China, carrying brand-new passports bearing the names of nearly every nation under the sun. They had been warned never to speak Hebrew in public. Soon they were busy upgrading China's Soviet-built tanks and outdated MiGs.

Very few people knew that Eisenberg was running a vast international business empire with an annual tumover of \$10b. And he made sure that foreign intelligence agencies, particularly the KGB, remained blissfully ignorant of the secret Israeli -Chinese partnership. Until one day at a national mili-

tary parade in Peking, Western military attaches noticed that the Chinese tanks were equipped with an Israeli-invented state-of-the art attachment on the barrels of their guns, greatly enhancing their firepower. The cat was out of the bag. Eisenberg, who came from a hassidic family in Munich before the war, had fled eastwards in the late 1930s and settled in Japan, marrying a local woman from a noble family. She converted to Judaism and the couple had six children. Eisenberg built a Japanese-style villa for them in Savyon when he decided to come

and live here. Chinese leadership circles spoke respectfully of Eisenberg as the "Jewish mandarin." But he wasn't

ANOTHER Jew, born in the East

URI DAN **DENNIS EISENBERG**

The mysterious, towering figure with a European air was invariably present when Chinese leaders osed in a group for the cameras. You can see him in the photos of Dr. Sun Yat-Sen and Chiang Kai

Shek. When the communists took over, he was there still, standing passive and unsmiling in a place of honor close to Mao Tse-Tung and Chou En-Lai.

Strangely enough, he never learned a word of Chinese. When a writer of this column talked to Abraham Moshe Cohen in Manchester, England, at the house of his sister Rivka, "Two-Gun Cohen," as the skilled horseman and one-time pugilist was better known, explained how he communicated with the Chinese -

Shoul Elsenberg died a famous man. But who ever heard of 'Two-Gun' Cohen, who also won Chinese hearts?

"in English and Yiddish." "Yiddish?" "Yes," Coben. Some of the Chinese leaders knew German, and were able just - to grasp what the broad-

shouldered Jew was saying. "In 1932 I was hired as bodyguard to the Chinese revolutionary leader Dr. Sun Yat-Sen when he toured Canada. He invited me to do the same job in China, and a few months later I was in Shanehai.

"I was carrying a lot of weaponry with me - eight different kinds of guns - for I didn't know what to expect, not having been to China before. I was so top-heavy that when I stepped off the ship, I nearly fell over.

"I was at a meeting once." Cohen recalled "when I realized that Dr. Sun was about to be betrayed hy a conspirator. I warned a Germanspeaking Chinese general, in Yiddish (as usual). Later, Sun thanked me for saving his life.

"It's part of the joh," I said. "You can always trust my Jewish head. It was then that I was made an 'honorary general." On display were dozens of pho-

tographs of Cohen standing pokerfaced in a group of grim-looking

Chinese leaders. And occupying pride of place on a small table were a series of postcards, each addressed to Cohen personally, and signed, simply, "Madame Sum." Why did she write personally to

End of London, became a cult figure during the half-century he spent in China.

he answered, and would not discuss the topic any further. The deep impression Cohen made on the upper echelons of both pre- and communist China may well have paved the way for Eisenberg to become a major husiness personality there. After all,

the Chinese knew so very little about the strange people that lived "in a botel" somewhere on the other side of the world. Cohen said that he was forever exhorting the Chinese leadership to "get friendly with Israel. They are the smallest nation on earth,"

he told them. "You are the biggest. You make a wonderful match in character, intellect and powerful motivation." The Mossad has traditionally made use of Jews all over the world to help it in its work. And why not - since the State of Israel

Cohen? "We were close friends,"

sense that they are playing a role in supporting a Jewish country? During the 1960s. Cohen recalled, the Mossad asked him to "open up channels" to the Peking leadership. He also had a good relationship with British intelligence.

gives Jews pride, protection, and a

"I had become a businessman when Rolls Royce appointed me their agent in China. Who else was on first-name terms with the top leadership in China?"

When Chiang Kai Shek was driven out by the communists and fled to Formosa, Coben was asked: "How come you escaped disgrace? How did you manage to keep your 'honorary general' rank, and stand alongside the new leadership dur-

ing those big parades? "I never interfered in internal Chinese politics," answered Cohen. Even the communists trusted me totally - and I was their sole expert on Western thinking."

Two non-Chinese mandarins, Shoul Eisenberg and Ahraham Moshe Cohen, left an indelible mark on the country which could well dominate the world in the

next century. Both were Jews who held their heads high. Both were Zionists, proud of their heritage. They deserve a sainte from Jews every-

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israel Secret Service and other books on

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the Middle East.

A MAN who said he jokingly asked a bank teller for all ber money was arraigned on a robbery

charge. Michael Johnson, a 33-year-old freshman at the University of Akron, Ohio, said the trouble began at the campus branch of the "When the teller asked if she

could help me, I said, 'Yeah, give me all of your money,' and laughed," he said, Then I handed her my card and said, 'I need to take \$10 out

of my account "I got my money. She gave me a receipt And I went on my

But the police report says Johnson demanded all the teller's money in small bills before asking for his \$10.

"She told police she was sure it was a stickup," a policeman said. Johnson faces up to five years in jail and a \$10,000 fine if convict-

Johnson's appearance might have something to do with his arrest, said his sister. "His right side is paralyzed. He walks with a limp and he carries his arm in front of him, upright and bent," she said. "He bas a big shaggy beard and sometimes looks. unkempt. I guess you could think he is a weirdo, if you don't know bim."

Free at last

MIRIYAM GLAZER

Can't imagine that millions of viewers across the globe Lunderstood host Billy Crystal's Oscar night joke about suddenly finding himself a Genule: but having read the from page of the Los Angeles Times last week, I did.

The article told me that thanks to the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, members of the Reform and Conservative movements, like me and Crystal, were now excommunicated. De-Jewed.

Bring on the pork sausages, Ma. We're free at last, free at last, thanks almighty New York Orthodox rahhis, we're free at

For starters, think of the culinary hurden magically lifted from us. Pork sansages are only the beginning. Kosher, smosher, I can go out and get me one of those mouth-watering country — or

city! — hams. Garlic shrimp at my local Thai restaurant, any chicken but Empire's, swimming in wine cream sauce. Lord of lords, sin of sins — a once-in-a-lifetime Big Mac, and don't hold the cheese.

At last, some room on my library shelves. Out with The Jewish Caravan, Eros and the Jews, Standing Again at Sinai, The Jewish Woman, Nice Jewish Girls, What is Jewish Literature? Out with 15 shelves of Jewish religious and mystical texts. Holocaust novels, Hebrew poetry, Israeli politics, tomes like The Jew's Body, Carnal Israel, and Antisemitism and the Jews, novels written by women formerly

known as Jews. And I'll redecorate. Down with those artsy mezuzot on every doorpost of my condo: they're

Now I've been de-Jewed, i can really start living...

probably fraudulent, anyway, crafted by other former Jews. Down with paintings that evoke the Negev, or base their artwork on the Song of Songs.

I'll pack away even my mother's exquisite needlepoints. With their menoras, Lions of Judah, prayer motifs, they are, regrettably, just "too Jewish."

No more nervously scanning the paper for the latest anti-Israel outrage. No more anxiety about whether the Hubble telescope. genetic engineering, the Internet, Ben & Jerry's, or White House pajama parties are "good for the Jews.

No more giving to the New Israel Fund, the Jewish Federation, my synagogue building fund, Jewish Family Services orphanages in Israel, or even the Democratic Party.

In fact, now I can vote against "illegal aliens," against welfare, the minimum wage, taxing-andspending, the tired, the poor, the tempest-tossed huddled masses yearning to breathe free.

THANK you, rabbis. No more shall I be hindered by the prophetic cry. "Justice, justice, thou shalt pursue." It was just so ... Jewish. And all that conflict over teaching both Western and Jewish civilizations - why should I care, now? I carr leave the task of educating young Jewisb college students about their history and culture to those who carry the banner of true Judaism. What can they learn from an un-Jew like me?

How the Sunday Travel section has opened up! No more annual trekking to pricey Israel. Around the Days of Awe, I'll go mountain climbing, perhaps in Nepal; and Succot is a fine season for camp-

I'll exchange my Purim costumes for trick-or-treating on Halloween, and instead of the painstaking house-cleaning, Seder-planning drudgery of Passover – well, don't we all love Paris in the spring?

I wonder what those delicatelywrought silver Shabbat candlesticks of mine would fetch at auction?

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Admittedly, I'll miss them, along with the kiddish cups, halla cloth, and Sabbath dinners, my glorious brass Hanukka menora and holiday celebrations with family and friends, the skullcap my student crocheted for me, and the prayer shawl I borrowed from my daughter.

But I'm free at last - I won't need any of that old ritual paraphernalia.

Sabbath mornings I'll hit the gym instead of the shul. Anyway, I hear the building fund board is converting it into a center for a new 12-step program for the thousands - millions? - of other kicking-thehabit former Reform and Conservative Jews.

(Los Angeles Times)

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Fast plane to China?

Has Israel's military relationship with China become a little too cozy? Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai may face some tough questions during his visit to the US, Steve Rodan reports

The visiting US official is led to the entrance of Israel Aircraft Industries where he faces a model of Israel's Lavi, the dream fighter-jet that never achieved production.

According to foreign news reports, the official then asks the IAI representative, "How many Lavis were produced?" "Four," the IAI representative

Well, there's one in the museum," the official says. "Where are illegally transferring US technology to Beijing. What they say is that Israel is hurring the US as well as itself by supplying advanced Western technology to an increasingly aggressive Asian power.

Benayahu says he doesn't know of any US intentions to raise the China issue during the defense minister's meetings in Washington. But he says that "any question that will be presented will be answered."

But if the issue is in fact raised the timing is unlikely to be coinciden-

The US appears to be moving away from a focus on the Middle East and toward an examination of Russia and China. This includes the role of Israeli technology in the Chinese military.

the others? They're abroad, aren't

As the US official, who did not want to be identified, recalls it, the IAI representative "turned four different colors," and finally said that the US official had been reading foreign press reports.

To the US official and many of his colleagues, there is little doubt where the Lavis are today. They are in China, they say, serving as a model for a new Chinese-made fighter-jet under development. These officials believe this is the tip of the toeberg of israeli pooperation with Chaia on military development in the field of aviation and missales. But Avi Benayahu, the spokesman for Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai - who is presently on an official visit to the

some of Israel's four Lavi jets were sent to China is complete "rubbish." Without relating to China, I can say that, in general, all Israeli exports have to obtain government approval and come under strict guidelines. All the exports are also examined to ensure who the end user is," says Benayahu in reference to the further accusation that some of the Israeli technology used by Beijing is being transferred on to

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Fran. But today, the US officials say, both President Bill Clinton's administration and Congress will ask Israel quietly but firmly to curb Israeli sales of military or dual-use technology to China. Many of the officials no longer accuse Israel of

tal. At the Pentagon and CIA, the assessment is that China will be Washington's strategic headache during the next decade. This year, China will annex Hong Kong and incorporate this prosperous democratic island into totalitarian China, Next year, Taiwan may be next on China's list of takeovers.

Former CIA director James Woolsey, who was recently in Israel to attend a conference on terrorism, says any US campaign to prevent China from intimidating its neighbors must be accompanied by an effor to stop high-technology exports to Beijing. And that means israeli exports. Taiwan is a democracy and the US commitment to Taiwan is precisely because, like Israel, it is a democracy," Woolsey

The US has to ensure that none of the technology that the US gives Israel is exported to China," he contimies. 'It's important for companies and the government in Israel to keep this in mind." The US believes that Israel has belped China in several fields of military development since 1979. In the early days, Israel helped in developing a tank-firing system. This was done with the quiet approval of president Jimmy Carter's administration, which wanted to help Beijing's invasion of

Vietnam, according to US officials. But over the years, US defense sources say, the Israelis have moved into aviation and missile development. In February 1996, the sources say, China test-fired its new rocket launcher. The launch failed and the



Mordechai may have to explain tsrael's military trade with China.

rocket fell oo a nearby town, killing many civilians.

The new missile technology Beijing has recently sold Iran includes their cruise missile the Eagle Strike, or what NATO calls the C-802. US Officials say tour C 802 missile systems have been placed abourd each of the 10 Hudong missile boats the Chinese delivered to Iran, part of at least a total of 60 launchers. Last year, the Iranian Revolutionary Guards testfired two such missiles in the Persian Gulf.

This is an important issue for many in the US and it has been raised with the Israelis in the past, including with Mordechai," a Washington-based pro-Israel lobby-ist says. "I expect it to come up. It's an important concern that Israel should take into account."

But the toughest questions for Mordechai might come from Congress, Many in the Republicancontrolled House

Representatives and Senate are furious over the failure of the Clinton administration to punish China for what they say are Beijing's viola-tions of US missile proliteration statutes. In September 1995 the US Defense Department reportedly denunded sanctions against China for the transfer of C-802 missiles to Iran. The administration refused.

The problem is that the damn thing is out of control," a senior Republican congressional aide says. The Gulf Arabs are complaining to us because they believe that China is selling this [Israeli

bov Zakheim, a US Defense Department official in the Reagan administration and now chief executive officer of SPC International Corps, a technological group based in Washington, says the US appears to be moving away from a focus on the Middle East and loward an examination of Russia and China. This, he says metudes the role of ... israeli technology in the uninese

"I mink this is very high up on the agencia, he says "This is a strategic change in the American Aur of looking at the world. The US sees China at least as important as a strategic concern as Russia. We don't know how to see China, as a friend or an enemy."

Privately, Israeli defense sources play down this concern. They say many Western countries, including the US, sell to China. Barry Rubin. senior researcher at Bar-Itan University's Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies, agrees. He says

that after the collapse of the Soviet Union China has become the new obsession for some US defense strategists.

"In search of a new enemy, American strategists have increas-ingly looked at China," Rubin, who worked for years as a researcher in Washington, says. "I don't think analysis is driving this. I think it's a search for an enemy. I just don't see any reason that China is going to become more aggressive. The far more important issue is proliferation. But how can they argue that this is so dangerous when they're trading with China?"

Mordechau's visit will probably not allow for much explaining of Israel's ambiguous policy toward China. He cut short his visit from what was originally to be 11 days to four days. Two of them will be spent traveling to and from Washington. Last month, he postponed a previous trip to Washington because of a ensis with the Palestinian Authority

"For those in the Asia business, this is one of a small number of issues that they are focusing on, the pro-Israel lobbyist says. "If it becomes clear that the Israelis and Russians are selling an early-warning aircraft it would be an issue."

Israel argues that its biggest competitor for the Chinese contract was Britain, Washington's closest ally. Some of them point out that US companies are asking for a onetime waiver to sell spare parts of the Chinese fleet of 24 Black Hawk military helicopters. "These things are presented as strategic issues but they often end up as being veils for what is business competition, pure and simple," an Israeli defense

SOURCE SEVS. The BESA Center's Rubin agrees. He says Israel remains cautious of what it sells China and would not part with sensitive technology that could find its way to its enemies. "If Israel stops selling arms to China it is because they can't afford it or because they are

US officials say that Washington will ask Israel quietly but firmly to curb sales of military and dual-use technology to China.

Benayahu, Mordechai's spokesman, says the defense minister's goal is to "learn first-hand the new members of the administration, including the new heads of the Defense Department and CIA as well as the new secretary of state." He says Mordechai hopes to obtain an agreement from Defense Secretary William Coben to increase US-Israel strategic cooperation. This includes additional work on the Arrow anti-missile defense system, the Nautilus laser anti-rocket defense system and several other projects that are classified. Israeli defense officials said

Mondechai will seek additionai funding for the Arrow to advance the project. The officials said that in the wake of the March 11 launch of the Arrow 2, which was deemed successful, Mordechai wants to deploy the first battery of the antimissile defense system in the beginning of 1998. A second battery would be deployed a year later.

The new scheduled deployment, was set last October, officials said, " They said Israel is finding it more difficult to stay ahead of the Middle

East arms race.
US officials say they will be countering with their China argument. They say they will point out that Israeli technology to China is probably being transferred to Iran. They say they will raise the contract by Israel and Russia, in which Russia will supply cargo aircraft to China and Israel will then upgrade them to early-warning airborne aircruft, as the latest and most potent example of Israeli technology mansfer to Beijing.

selling it to Iran or Iraq," he says. Despite the debate, nobody expects the US complaints to be a public issue during the Mordechai visit. Such a move, US defense aides say, would embarrass China as much as Israel and hurt Washington's hopes of obtaining some benefits from Beijing. Congressional sources say they don't want to issue an ultimatum to Israel. What they prefer is to engage Israel in a dialogue over the supply of Israeli equipment to China and what alternatives the US could offer to stop technology transfer to Beijing and yet maintain the profitability of Israel's defense industries.

"We don't have answers yet," a senior congressional analyst says. "We want to discuss this with the Israelis and come up with solutions. Our intention is certainly not to hurt Israel." Zakheim, the former US Defense Department official, goes further. He regards China and Israel as bridges that link a host of concerns, Israel can provide a back channel for US concerns with China. China with excellent relations to Iran, can help Israel overcome Teberan's ennity toward Jerusalem.

"Israel has a special relationship with China," Zakheim says. "It doesn't create a problem with the US. It creates an opportunity for the US. The Uninese have excellent relations with Iran and Israel, I don't think the US has capitalized on this fact. I haven't heard anyone say that Israel should cut off trade with China. There are other ways of satisrymg China's need and Israel's need. One has to be creative and cooperative on this kind of thing."

THERE AND THEN

By SRAYA SHAPIRO

the first Zionist to claim. Palestine for the Jews did it long before Herzl published his Almeuland. He was Benedetto Musolino, a scion of a noble family in Calabria, southern Italy, says Bianca Romano-Segre, a veteran journalist who settled in Tel Aviv with her late husband just before World War II. Musolino was an Italian patriot. He had saidled philosophy and law, he took part in the rebellion against the Bourbons (for which he was imprisoned) and he lived as an exile in France and England. Musolino joined Garibaldi in the fight for a united Italy, and was ultimately honored as a member of parliament and a senator. He . died in 1885.

Musolino's kind of Zionism was quite different from Herzl's. It was based on his obsession that Europe,

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in particular Great Britain and ireland, must be saved from the threat of a revolution backed by the Russian empire and assisted by China. Palestine, at the meeting point of continents, was the ideal site from which to arrest disaster. but only if it were given to the Jews.

Due to their suffering, the Jews

deserved sympathy, he believed. They were clever, intelligent, . industrious, alert and rich. Palestine had been promised to the Jews by God, and if they would be allowed to gather in Palestine, a great number of "marvelous people" who had proved their ability to survive under the most arduous conditions could form a base from which they would stimulate the expansion of civilization across the region. In particular, they would cover it with a network of railroads to facilitate communications.

However, Musolino did not envis-

Understanding the 20th Century -

age an independent Jewish state. His advice was that the Jews in the Holy Land should form a sort of principality within the framework of the Ottoman Empire. The Jews would pay duty to the Sultan and enlist in his armies, in times of peace and war. All males aged between 18 and 50 would be in the reserves.

The authority of the Jewish principality would include Phoenicia. Galilee, the area around Petra, and reach the Red Sea near the isthmus of Suez. Turkey would benefit from the insatiable zeal and financial activities of the Jews, as Great Britain had from the operations of the likes of Rothschild and Montefiore.

It was the Jews, claims Musolino, who had brought "the first literature, the first poetry, the first history and the first system of legislation," to Europe. Their religion, Musolino asserted, was "most subline and less pagan compared to others." Their qualities and their rectitude were "a credit to the human race." They were excellent fathers, husbands and sons. And they were charitable to other members of their community.

Musolino, the Zionist

Though the head of the Jewish principality would constitutionally be the subject of the sultan. the administration of the orincipality would be entirely independent, Musolino advised. He envisaged a liberal regime, equality before the law, and everybody's right to work. Property was sacred, as was the freedom of speech and of the press.

The "Mosaic-Talmudic" religion would be the established creed of the principality - Musolino was aware of Ashkenazi, Sephardi and Italian Jews. A rabbinical council would assume the decisive authority in religious affairs. However, people who did not follow the requirements of free to behave according to their convictions. The chief rabbi would be paid by the sultan, otherwise the religious establishment would depend on the community.

Land property, nicluding public baths churches, graveyards and museums, would remain the sultan's, he would have to be paid for of the Italian state of the future.

the right to use them. And if a transfer of population was ordered to make room for the Jews, those affected were to be paid double the worth of the property they relin-

quished. Obviously, observes Romano, in describing such a system of government, Musolino was thinking more

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Well, he may have exaggerated about the Jews - but isn't it nice

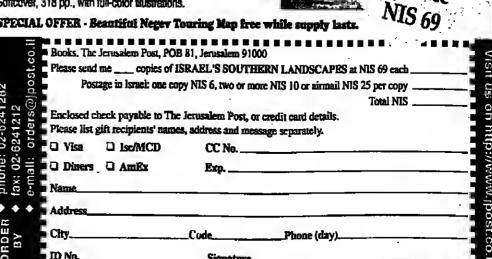
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Return of hotel star-rating system delayed

Israel's hotels will remain without star ratings until at least the end of the year, the Knesset Economics Committee decided yesterday. If the star rating is re-introduced, it will in all probability be under a system managed by an existing company rather than the government.

Among the names suggested by Tourism Ministry representa-tives is the Michelin company. The ministry had requested the rating system remain out of use until April 1999, but committee chairman Elie Goldschmidt insisted the matter be re-examined at the start of next year. David Harris

Committee to discuss rabbis' wedding pay

MK Ophir Pines (Labor) expressed disappointment during yes terday's sitting of the Knesset Finance Committee at Income Tax Commissioner Doron Levy's admission that he is unable to tackle the issue of rabbis who receive payment for conducting weddings. Pines wanted to discuss the matter in the tax sub-committee, which he chairs, but finance committee chairman Avraham. Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) insisted the debate be held in the fuli committee

In a written opinion, committee legal adviser Anna Schneider suggested that in most cases the acceptance of "gifts" for conducting weddings is probably illegal. Ravitz said that maybe the legal opinion had been written too hastily. Levy told the committee the legal tools available to him do not allow for full action in this and other related issues. Pines said he intends taking up the

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Singapore seeks phone-upgrade investors

Singapore is offering telecommunications companies 100 million Singapore dollars (\$70 million) in grants to install new tech-

nology and improve the country's phone system.

Communications Minister Mah Bow Tan said Tuesday the grants could cover up to balf the cost of such things as highspeed Internet access, video links and multimedia transmission, newspapers reported. The announcement coincided with the launch Tuesday of the first cellular-phone company to compete with the state-owned Singapore Telecom, the first step toward opening Singapore's monopoly phone market.

The Treasury THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

Bids are invited for the supply of the following goods, required by various government agencies throughout Israel: Tender 6/97 - Supply of PORTABLE COMPUTERS

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Computers offered must be produced by a manufacturer who, at the end of March 1997, is classified in the first or second TIER level, in accordance with the Gertner group grading.

This tender will be conducted, in compliance with the regulations pertinent to the protection of, and preference for goods made in Israel, and made in areas nominated for national preference, as required by the applicable laws and regulations.

A meeting for suppliers will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 1997, at 1:00 p.m., in No. 2 Meetings Hall, 3rd floor, Ministry of Finance, 1 Rehov Kaplan, Jerusalem.

this meeting.

Participation in the meeting is obligatory. Please come on time. The period in which the goods are to be supplied and service provided will run from the date on which the name of the successful bidder is

Last date for submitting bids: Tuesday, May 13, 1997, at 12 noon. Applications for the tender documents should be made by fax only, to 02-5317778, giving the following information:

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Company'a address, with postal code no., Tel. no_ Fax. no.

Bank branch no... Company's bank_ (at which company has its account) The tender documents and technical specifications will be sent, after

receipt of a fax, as aforesaid. Our address: Tenders and Buying Dept., The Accountant General, Finance Ministry, 1 Kaplan, 7th Floor, Room 714 or 715, or P.O.B. 13195, Jerusalem 91 131.

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Government posts surprising budget surplus in March

First quarter domestic deficit at NIS 692m.; Meridor silent on extra cut

By DAVID HARRIS

The government recorded a surprising NIS 188 million budget surplus last month, excluding granted credit, according to initial Treasury estimates published yes-

terday. Over the first quarter, however, the government domestic fiscal deficit totalled NIS 692m.

Senior Treasury sources are now beginning to suggest that as a result of the March surplus, an additional budget cut may not be

Finance Minister Dan Meridor

said he would only make a decision on a further cut once he had seen the balance for the first three months and not on the basis of a

single month.

The cut would be deemed necessary to remain within the govern-ment-set budget deficit of 2.8 percent of gross domestic product. On the basis of the first quarter, the deficit will reach some 3.3%

of GDP by the year's end, according to former Treasury director general David Brodet, who left the post on Monday. He said any cut to be made now

would be only several bundred

million shekels, rather than the NIS 2 billion that he and former budget director Ran Kroll spoke of iust over a month ago.

The figures, from the accountant general's department, show a domestic budget surplus of NIS 203m. (excluding credit) in March, offset in part by a NIS 15m. foreign deficit.

Treasury spokesman Eli Yosef pointed out that the foreign element of the deficit will grow sig-nificantly until economic aid is received from the US toward the end of the year.

The estimates published yester-

day are likely to change considerably before the final tallies are reached, he added.

"As we promised, we will oow sit down and in a short while decide if we need to cut and if so by how much," Mcridor said.
"The problem is not with the deficit, but the level of revenues. Furthermore, we need to look at the slowdown in the economy, growth targets, the significant increase in unemployment, infla-tion and the balance of pay-

"We need to find out what happened to expenditure and revenues before deciding what to do," Accountant General Shai Talmon

Before leaving the Treasury for the last time, Brodet once again attacked Bank of Israel monetary policy, saying it is one of the main causes of the slowdown in the

He also called on central bank governor Jacob Frenkel to reduce interest rates once, twice or three times in a month, before the Treasury considers implementing a budget cut. He described the March budgetary data as "very reasonable.

'96 farm output growth almost stagnant

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Agricultural output was almost stagnant last year, totalling 1.2 percent in real terms, according to data released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Output increased 11.8 percent to NIS 11.83b. from NIS 10.58b. Inflation last year was 10.6%.

The industry growth figure is the result of a 4% quantitative increase in output and a 7.5% rise in prices. The nominal rise in the industry's

earnings was 3%. However, when adjusted for inflation, earnings fell Input costs rose 16%, mostly as a result of the increase in the price of

animal food. Agricultural exports increased 19%, totalling 22% of all agricultural output. Cotton exports went up 25% and exports of vegetables, potatoes and

watermelons grew 100%. Citrus fruit exports remained steady, while international sales of

other fruits rose 15%. Exports of flowers and other plants jumped 22%. Exports of animals and animal products fell 6%:

D-Pharm raises \$6m. in private placement

Meridor at the Treasury yesterday.

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

D-Pharm Ltd., a Rehovot-based biotechnology firm, completed a \$6 million private placement, the company announced yesterday.

The company said it plans to use the funding to accelerate the development of treatments for epilepsy, cardiac tissue anemia, brain stroke, cancer and viral dis-

The investors include the Apax-Leumi Israel Growth Fund, an affiliate of the UK-based Apax Partners venture capital group; the Vertex Group, an affiliate of Singapore Technologies; and the US-based Medmax Ventures.

"We are pleased that some of the world's leading venture capital groups have decided to support our drug discovery program," Yaffa Beck, the company's chief operating officer, said in a state-

ment. One of D-Pharm's main projects involves the development of an epilepsy treatment. The company plans to complete preclinical development of a novel drug for the disease this year and to begin phase one and two clinical trials

by mid-1998. Epilepsy - a disease which disturbs the electrical rhythms of the central nervous system, causing convulsive attacks - affects four million people in the US alone, and about two percent of the population worldwide.

Founded in 1993, D-Pharm received its first round of venture capital financing in 1995 worth \$2m.

Yishai: Relax closure for veteran workers

By DAVID HARRIS

Shmuel Slavin takes over as Treasury director-general

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Shmuel Slavin (right), who took charge Tuesday as Treasury director-general, was officially welcomed by Finance Minister Dan

Palestinians who have beld work permits over the last five years should be able to come to their jobs inside Israel, even with a closure in force, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yisbai proposed yesterday.

.This step will make it easier for the government to speed up the removal of the foreign workforce, Yishai said. In the short run, it will also ease the re-imposition of the closure, following the terrorist attack in Tel Aviv

In a letter to the prime minister, Yisbai said

his staff is currently examining ways of off-setting the sbortfall in the workforce caused by the closure.

Yishai said his proposal was reached after consultation with security experts, including Ya'acov Or, the conrdinator of IDF activities in the territories.

Palestinian Minister of Planning and International Cooperation Nabil Shaath has long maintained the closure does not contribute to security, arguing that none of the recent terrorist attacks were carried out by legal Palestinian workers.

By allowing more Palestinians into Israel,

argues Yishai, economic tension in the territories is somewhat reduced, leading to less. security threats.

Under the Labor government, writes Yishai, the number of legal non-Palestinian foreign workers increased from 10,000 to Religious MKs have expressed concern that

the large number of foreign workers, estimated to be at least 200,000 when those here illegally are taken into account, endanger the Jewish character of the state.

The Prime Minister's Office declined to comment on the proposal.

Saudi prince buys 5% of Apple Computer

By DIANA ABDALLAH

DUBAI (Reuter) - Saudi Arabia's billionaire Prince Walced bin Talal said yesterday he now holds five percent of Apple Computer, the latest in a string of high-profile international acquisitions in the past month.

The prince said he bought the Apple shares on the open market over the last weeks for a total of \$115 million, a move similar to his purchase of about 5% of Trans World Airlines Inc., which he announced on March 19.

Exactly a week later, the billionaire nephew of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia announced he was buying a 5% stake in the Norwegian Cruise Lines for \$20m. Also in March, be said be was

building a \$500m, complex in his bometown Riyadh, to house a Four Seasons Hotel, dubbed the largest commercial building in the

"I have been following the technology industry closely for quite some time, and Apple in particular for a number of months," Bin Talal said in a statement vesterday. "I

Referring to reports that an investor group led by Oracle Corp. CEO Larry Ellison was interested in making a bid for a controlling interest in the struggling computer maker, the prince said he will monitor events closely" to see what steps are taken by Ellison, Apple's management, or by others, to improve returns to Apple stock-

Though not huge compared to the prince's other holdings, the new investments are part of a new business treod of diversifying his investments away from real estate and entertainment, financial sources close to the prince said yesterday.

"He has been looking into these companies for some time now. He is also considering other similar international acquisitions," one

said, but refused to elaborate. The financial analysts said the new investments were part of the prince's policy of buying stakes in ailing companies and trying to put them back oo their feet.

The trend might also include bankrupt Dutch planemaker Fokker, for which the prince has emerged as People who know him say he started with a relatively small amount of money from his father and is now one of the wealthiest and most powerful business

moguls in the kingdom. Surrounded by a close circle of advisers, he controls a portfolio that includes a bank, an investment firm, a supermarket chain, a broadcasting operation, and huge property holdings, including the Fairmont and Four Seasons hotel

He has shares in US banking

giant Citicorp, retailer Saks Fifth Avenue and the Plaza Hotel, the Euro Disney theme park near Paris and Canary Wharf in London's Docklands.

He also has stakes in former Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi's television and advertising business Mediaset.

Earlier this year be bought the luxury George V Hotel in Paris.: Last year he signed a deal with popstar Michael Jackson to cooperate on concerts, films, television, fun parks and hotels.

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BY ROBERT DANKEL

Stocks jumped yesterday after the government reported the budget swung to a surplus in March from a deficit in the year-earlier month. Analysts said the NIS 188 million surplus could give central bank Governor Jacob Frenkel room to cut interest rates, which could help corporate profits and

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The Mishtanim Index of 100 most-traded stocks leaped 2.16% to 250.32, while the Maof Index of 25 top stocks jumped 2.31% to 259.57. A total of NIS 119m. of shares were traded.

That's 25% more than last month's daily average of NIS 95.2m. and 15% less than the year's average of NIS 139.5m. Four stocks gained for every one (Bloomberg)

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Euro stocks fall as Dow tumble resumes

LONDON (Reuter) -- European stock markets fell back yesterday as Wall Street resumed its heavy correction after a brief upturn proved to

Leading European bourses staged half-hearted rallies in the morning, encouraged by a modest overnight rise on the Dow Jones Industrial Average, which had lost almost 300 points in the previous two sessions. But predictions that only the brave would buy proved correct as European markets started falling even before Wall Street opened at

mid-afternoon. The US opening only confirmed

the Europeans' worst fears. The Dow numbled another 57.41 points, or 0.87 percent, in the first hour to 6,553.27 and the New York Stock Exchange briefly imposed curbs on program trades. Among leading European markets, Germany was the worst hit. The blue-chip DAX index managed to hold on to the modest morn-

ing gains to close up 5.98 points at 3,301.91. But that gave a false impression as German floor trade closes early. The bloodletting came in later electronic trade, when the IBIS index closed down 70.52 points, or 2.15% at

London closed down a more modest 0.27% on the FTSE-100 index,

but the Paris CAC-40 shed 2.0%. Recent talk that European markets would "de-couple" from Wall Street and go their own way has come to nothing.

Investors throughout the Western world are transfixed by the possibility of a further US interest rate rise and what that would do to the lengthy bull run on stocks.

The question everyone tried to answer yesterday was whether the markets were undergoing a healthy correction after months of spectacular gains, or the early stages of something more serious and longer lasting.

Strategist David Aserkoff of Credit Suisse First Boston was more optimistic than most.

"I'd say we're at or very close to the end of the correction in the US and in UK and European markets,' said Aserkoff, who cut his mid-year target for the FTSE 100 to 4,200 from 4,425. "But just because they stop going down doesn't mean they'll start going up," he added.

Chris Chaitow, technical analyst at Robert Fleming Securities, was gloomy about the FTSE, which has lost about 4% in the past four weeks from its intra-day record of 4,466. "It could now go down to 3,800," he

The FISE-100 closed down 11.5 points on Wednesday at 4,236.6.

WALL STREET REPORT

Stock surge ends

NEW YORK (Reuter) - The US average lost 94.04 points to end at stock market slumped yesterday 6,517.01. The Nasdaq Composite after a one-day bounce as investors showed they are still not willing to step up to the plate after the recent market shakeout.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial

index fell 15.90 points to 1,201.03. In the broader market, declining issues beat advances by a 2-1 margin on active volume of 483 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

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TUG OF WAR - George Teodotu of Cyprus (left) fights for the hall with Daniel Borimirov, Bulgaria's first goalscorer in last night's World Cup qualifier in Sofia. Bulgaria won 4-1. (Reuter)

Bulgaria crush Cyprus in World Cup qualifier

SOFIA (Reuter) - Striker Emil Kostadinov scored twice to help Bulgaria to a comfortable 4-1 win over Cyprus in • their World Cup

qualifier yesterday. Kostadinov, scorer of the decisive goal against France which enabled Bulgaria to qualify for the 1994 World Cup finals, put his side in command with two goals before half time, delighting the 30,000 crowd who turned out despite the rain and cold.

Daniel Borimirov had earlier opened the scoring in the second minute, hlasting the ball past helpless Cyprus goalkeeper Andreas Petrides from eight meters.

loannios Okkas hit hack for Cyprus in the 61st minute when he headed past Bulgarian goalkeeper Zdravko Zdravkov from

Ivailo Yordanov reopened the three-goal lead in the 66th minute when he fired the ball home after a neat passing exchange with Kostadinov.

Yordanov almost scored again two minutes later when he lobbed the ball over the Cyprus goalkeeper. The ball hit the bar and ruled it had not crossed the goal

Bulgaria missed another chance to go even further ahead when Krasimir Balakov failed to convert a penalty after handhall hy Neophytos Larcou.

Bulgarian coach Hristo Boney, who has a good knowledge of Cypriot soccer following his spell in charge of Apoel Nicosia, said he

Israel handballers beat Cyprus

of the European Championships, after their emphatic 27-18 win over Cyprus in Nicosia last night. The halftime score was 11-5 to the vistors.

win will advace them to a qualifying group which includes France, Slovenia and the Czech Republic. Israel has already beaten Greece, the

other nation with which they competed at the pre-preliminary level. The

top points scorer for Israel last night was Idan Maimon with six goals.

The national handball team is one game from the preliminary rounds

On Sunday (Hadar Yosef 19:00) Israel will play th return game and a

had been afraid his team might drop their guard after being 3-0

ahead at halftime. He said his aim was to win the remaining home games against Luxembourg, Israel and Russia.

"My task is now easier as there is a good climate in the team despite attempts at outside influence," Booev said, apparently referring to a television interview with volatile striker Hristo Stoichkov oo Tuesday.

Stoichkov vowed last year not to play for his home side until the chiefs of the Bulgarian Football Union resigned.

He told state television by telephone from Barcelona, where he plays, that he had decided to fly to Sofia for the match and called Bonev from Barcelona airport hut Bonev hung up when he heard his

Cyprus, who held Russia to a 1draw on Saturday, had several good chances, especially in the first half, but were thwarted hy Bulgarian goalkeeper Zdravko

"We came to Sofia with a lot of problems. We played two qualivery hard for us...We lost to a betteam," coach Stavros

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Cyprus, Russia v. Luxembourg.

White Sox beat Blue Jays 6-5 opening day crowd in 21 seasons

TORONTO (AP) - Albert Belie doubled home the first run of the 1997 major league season and later launched a two-run homer Tuesday as the Chicago White Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-5.

Pinch-hitter Norberto Martin tied the score 5-5 in the ninth. when he hit the first pitch thrown hy Toronto closer Mike Timlin.

Ray Durham streaked home from first base on what should have been merely an infield hit in the 10th before a SkyDome crowd of 40,299, more than 10,000 short of a sellout.

Carlos Delgado and Alex Gonzalez homered for Toronto. Roberto Hernandez pitched the 10th for a save, preserving the win for Tony Castillo. Rangers 6, Brewers 2

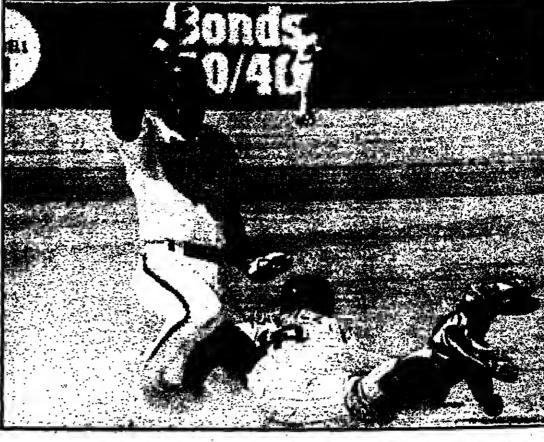
In Arlington, Texas, Lee Stevens hit a three-run homer, and Damoo Buford hit a two-run homer and an RBI double. World Series Most Valuable

Player John Wetteland, who saved all four Series wins for the Yankees, struggled through a 30pitch ninth inning but got Dave Nilsson to pop up with the bases loaded.

Ken Hill, just 1-3 against Milwaukee last year, allowed both runs and six hits in eight innings, struck out seven and walked four. Loser Ben McDonald gave up six runs and seven hits in seven

Mariners 4, Yankees 2 In Seattle, Ken Griffey Jr. homered in his first two at-bats. and Jeff Fassero pitched seven strong innings in his Seattle debut as the Mariners won for the 15th time in their last 17 home games against the Yankees.

Griffey, who hit a franchise-record 49 home runs last season despite missing 20 games because of a hroken bone in his right hand, homered in the first and third inniogs off loser David



STORMING IN - Giants' shortstop Jose Vizcaino crosses the plate to put the first run of the season on the San Francisco scoreboard as Pittsburgh Pirates catcher Jason Kendall gets a facefull of dust. (Reuer)

Fassero allowed two runs and . field, helping the Cincinnati Reds four hits in the first two innings before settling down to limit the Yankees to a single and a walk over the next five. .

Norm Charlton gave up singles to Tino Martinez and Paul O'Neill in the ointh, then got Darryl Strawberry to ground into an game-ending double play inning for the save.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Reds 11, Rockies 4 In Cincinnati, Deion Sanders returned Major League Baseball

with a big game and the Colorado

Rockies fumbled around in the

pull away to an 11-4 victory Tuesday afternoon.

Sanders, who took last season off to become a two-way player with the Dallas Cowboys of the NFL, weot 2-for-4 with an RBI, a pair of stolen bases and two runs scored to jump-start an offense that generated 15 hits.

Hal Morris had a pair of run-scoring singles and an RBI douhle, giving him a hit in each of his last 30 games. He ended last season hy hitting safely in 29 games, hut streaks don't carry over to a

The Rockies, who were 28-53 away from Coors Field last season, rallied against winner John Smiley to tie it in the fourth. Vinny Castilla and Ellis Burks homered in the comeback. Expos 2, Cardinals 1

In Montreal, pinch-hitter Sherman Obando drew a basesloaded walk in the ninth inning, giving the Expos a 2-1 win over the SL Louis Cardinals.

The Expos opened the year against the National League's Central Division champions before 33,437 at Olympic the fourth smallest

Willie McGee and Delino DeShields had two hits apiece for the Cardinals. Baltimore Boston Detroit New York Pet 1.000 1.000 .000 .000 Pc1. 1.000 1.000 .000 .000 Seattle Texas Anaheim Oakland 1.000 1.000 .000 Chicago St. Louis Pct. 1.000

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Andrews had two hits each for

Tuesday's AL results: Chicago 6, Toronto 5 (10); Texas 6, Milwankee 2; Kansas City at Baltimore ppd; Seattle 4, N.Y. 2; Minnesota 7, Detroit 5; only games scheduled.

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Tuesday's NL results: Montreal 2, St Louis 1; Cincinnati 11, Colorado 4; Florida 4, Chicago 2; Chorado 4; Florida 4, Chicago 2; Philadelphia 3, Los Angeles 0; Pittsburgh 5, San Francisco 2; San Diego 12, N.Y. 5; Houston 2, Atlanta 1.

Germany survive World Cup scare, but Dutch crash

LONDON (Reuter) Substitute Ulf Kirsten scored a

20-minute second-half hat-trick as European champions Germany came back from a goal down to beat Albania 3-2 in a dramatic World Cup qualifying game last night.

Albania missed an early penalty and then went ahead from a second spot kick in the 61st minute through Bledar Kola.

80th and 84th minutes before Kola scored another penalty in the last minute.

The game was played in Spain because of the conflict in

BUDAPEST (Reuter) - Australia deflated the cele-hrations surrounding the 70th hirthday of Ferenc

Puskas when two goals in the last two minutes gave

them a 3-1 win over Hungary in a friendly internation-

when the "Mighty Magyars" momentous 6-3 victory over England at Wemhley in 1953 was back in the

The modern-day Hungary are a pale imitation of

Puskas's great side of the 1950s and the old maestro

was among the 18,000 crowd who watched in amaze-

ment as the team coached by Englishman Terry

headlines, will not be lost on the soccer community.

The irony of Australia defeating Hungary in the week

in group nine behind new group leaders Ukraine and secondplaced Portugal, they have played two matches fewer than Portugal and one fewer than Ukraine. Both have to visit Germany.

There was an upset in Bursa where Turkey beat the Netherlands 1-0 in a group seven qualifier, thanks to a 52od minute goal from Hakan Sukur. but lost their 100 per cent record.

Romania, Ukraine and Greece all maintained their hopes of a place in the next year's finals with single-goal victories. Romania needed a 75th minute

Australia dampen Puskas' birthday party

1-0 in Lithuania and maintain their 100 per cent record with five successive wins. They are leaders of group eight. Ukraine, who have a game in

hand, went three points clear of Portugal at the top of group nine with a 2-1 win over Northern Ireland in Kiev, while Greece won the first official match played hy Bosnia in Sarajevo 1-0 to move three points clear of

In another match played earlier yesterday, Macedonia beat the Republic of Ireland 3-2 in a had-tempered match in Skopje to leapfrog the Irish and move into second place behind Although Germany stay third strike hy Dinu Moldovan to win Romania in group eight.

scored 30 points as the Los Angeles Lakers won their fourth straight and closed within a half-game of first place in the Pacific Division

seconds left gave the Lakers a 99-95 lead that clinched the victory.

Scattle and won the season series 3-1. The Lakers will have the tiebreaker advantage if the teams

high 28 shots and also had six assists, six rebounds and five

In Chicago, Michael Jordan broke out of a shooting slump with 21 points and Chicago won its 29th straight home game.

Chicago, 63-9, can clinch home-Jordan hit his first five shots as . the Bulls were building a 21-point, second-quarter lead. Chicago then held off a strong rally hy the Celtics in the third quarter and rest-

Lakers beat Sonics 99-97 SEATTLE (AP) - Nick Van Exel ed its starters for most of the final

with a 99-97 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics on Tuesday

Van Exel's free throw with 3.1

Los Angeles swept the Sonics in same record.

Van Exel made 10 of his careersteals. Eddie Jones added 20 and

76ers 105, Magic 93

In Orlando, Florida, Mark Davis scored a season-high 27 points as Philadelphia extended its longest winning streak in Dearly five months to three games.

Derrick Coleman had 21-points and 16 rebounds, Jerry Stackhouse scored 22 points, Clarence Weatherspoon had 15 rebounds and Allen Iverson finished with 15 points and 11 assists.

Penny Hardaway led Orlando seven in the second half. The Magic lost their third in a row. Heat 97, Clippers 87

In Miami, Tim Hardaway had 26 points and 13 assists as Miami sent Los Angeles to its fourth straight

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Miami, which squandered several leads but never trailed, completed a sweep of the two-game season series and maintained its 2 1/2-game lead over New York in the Atlantic Division.

Knicks 94, Cavaliers 88 In Cleveland, Patrick Ewing scored 21 points and John Starks gave the Knicks the lead for good on a 3-pointer with 1:20 left as New York defeated Cleveland.

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Venables scored twice in the closing stages to win. Australia, on a tour of Europe as part of their warmup for their World Cup qualifiers which start in June, took the lead in the sixth minute through Tony Vidmar

who scored with a simple header. The home side equalized through Laszlo Klausz who broke through the Australian defence in the 31st minute

for a fine individual strike. Second half pressure by Hungary failed to find a breakthrough and just as the match appeared to be ending in an honourable draw, goals in the 89th minute through Kevin Muscat and a second by Vidmar in the dying seconds gave Australia their victory.

Jerome Kersey 14. Bulls 111, Celtics 106

court advantage throughout the playoffs with three more victories.

SCOREBOARD

Lions braced for Springbok challenge under Johnson

LONDON (Reuner) - The British Springboks a red-blooded confonta-tions have been warned to prepare tion. for the most intense experience of their rugby lives when they embark next month on their first tour of

South Africa for 17 years. England lock Martin Johnson, named as captain of the 35-man squad announced yesterday, is under no illusions about what lies ahead on a 13-match tour including three Tests and promised the

"The Tests and provincial games are going to be more physical than any of the Five Nations games," acknowledged Johnson, one of six Leicester players named by the Lions selectors.

"I'm sure teams out there will physically intimidate us in a fair way and we've got to be ready to stand up to them. I don't think it'll

be a dirty tour because international rugby has changed but it will be very physical."

The squad includes a number of players chosen for their physical assets, yet among 18 Englishmen there are surprise call-ups for flanker Neil Back and wing Tony Undewood.

Former Wallaby coach Boh Dwyer's recommendation was enough to swing the captaincy for

Johnson, who has never captained his country but is regarded as one of the best line-out performers in the

world. Ian McGeechan, on his third Lions tour as a coach, insists the squad contains enough options to: give them a chance of emulating Willie John McBride's famous 1974 squad as the only British Isles side this century to win a Test series in

English cricket at crisis point, warns Wisden

LONDON (Router) - English cricket has received a double hlow to its self-esteem on the eve of the new season from the unexpected direction of Wisden, the sport's peerless reference book.

The 134th edition of the Almanack, published yesterday, warns that the game in England is in a "potentially catastrophic" state and nominates only overseas players as its Five Cricketers of the

Pakistan's Saced Anwar and Mushtaq Ahmed, India's Sachin Tendulkar, West Indian Phil Simmons and Sri Lanka's Sanath Jayasunya, the first man to win the accolade without having played in the previous English season, make it a completely non-English list for the first time in 15

But the most significant pages are the ones writ-ten by editor Marthew Engel and new England supremo Lord MacLaurin, who paint an alarming picture on the eve of a full-scale Ashes tour. In his editorial, Engel describes the 1996 season as "in some respects the most depressing in mem-

ory" and does not mince words on the subject of the England team and those who run it. "Amid the general global mood of cricketing expansionism, England is a spectacular and potentially catastrophic exception.

"In 1996-97 the national team reached a point where even the good days were bad. It felt as though the English, who were once presumed to have won first prize in the lottery of life, were now on the receiving end of some cosmic practi-

"At the World Cup the England squad resembled a bad-tempered grandmother attending a seenage rave_unable to comprehend what was happening - on the field or off it - the players just lingered, looking sullen as well as incompetent.

They conveyed as bad an impression in Zimbabwe at the end of the year. The captain, Mike Atherton, and the coach, David Lloyd, were culpable in failing to understand the importance of their roles as public figures." Former England captain Ray Illingworth's spell in charge of the national team will also "not be remembered kindaccording to Engel.

"It was sad to watch a man whose career embodied so many of the strengths of English cricket flail around and have his failings exposed so hopelessly in the World Cup. He had no longterm strategy, merely faith in his own instincts. It was not enough."

Engel is equally unimpressed by the lack of initiative shown from Lord's, claiming "cricket in the UK has become unattractive to the vast majority of the population. The game is widely per-ceived as clitist, exclusionist and dull."

His views are endorsed by MacLaurin, the new chairman of the England Cricket Board, who warns that "amber lights are flashing over our game." In an article entitled English cricket a manifesto' MacLaurin writes. "It's been so rare for England to win Test matches that people can almost remember where they were when it hap-

To maintain the support of TV, sponsors and the public, the flagship - the England team - has to be successful. People want to be associated with winners." Jayasuriya, whose batting heroics helped Sri Lanka win the 1996 World Cup, certainly comes under that heading and becomes only the third player from his country to be named as a

Cricketer of the Year. Elsewhere in its 1,440 pages, Wisden has a saf-isfying number of oddities from around the cricketing world as well as its first 'gossip column.' "We don't actually reveal who cricketers are sleeping with, but there are a lot of interesting personality stories that were a bit too informal for Wisden in the old days," said Engel

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Vocal-music lovers have a sough choice Samurday as three intriguing concerns take place simultaneously all over Israel. At the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv (9) Ahmoam Nim (alias Noa) joins the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in an entire evening in which she sings her own original material as well as some classical selections by Bach and Bernstein and even one popular Neapolitan song.

At the Heavy Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem (8:30) the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra's Outstanding Recitals in Jerusalem series features Georgian bass Paata Burchuladze in a recital comprising Russian romances by Tchaikovsky, Rachmanhoff, Glinka and Arensky and bass arias from various operas by Verdi.

Soprano Gail Gilmore and tenor Stephan Algeiri join the Haifa Symphony Orchestra for a gala benclit concert at the Haifs Auditorium (9) performing arias and duets from Carmen, Tosco, Il Trovatore, Cavalleria Rusticano and other operas

The chamber music offerings for this weekend include a Brahms program with the Israeli Trio and clarinetist Orit Orbach at the Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv (9), a concert celebrating 45 years of performances by IPO principal flutist Uri Shoham at the Tel Aviv Museum (8:30), and earlier in the day, the always-intriguing Ramat Gan Chamber Choir under Hanna Zur in a program featuring selections by Brahms, Beethoven and Eya(Bat at Tzavia in Tel Aviv (11.11 a.m.).

THEATER HELEN KAYE

Michael Cooncy, the son of Ray Cooncy, follows in his farceur father's footsteps with Cash on Delivery, a madcap comedy about poor Eric (Hanan Goldblatt) who has just summoned op the courage to rell his wife Linda (Ruby Porat-Shuval) that be's been jobless for two years. Then all hell breaks loose. The new Beersheba Theater production is directed by the UK's Brian Godfrey. On the main stage tonight at 8:30, Saturday night at 9. (Hebrew)

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** FIERCE CREATURES -- This all-too-



Michael Palin stars as Adrian Bugsy Malone in 'Fierce Creatures.'

accurate spoof of corporate take-over culture is set in an English zoo, reunites the cast of A Fish Called Wanda, and works just as a follow-up comedy should: instead of confining the actors to repetition of a few tried-and-true shticks, the filmmakers trust in the ensemble's chemistry, and set them loose to try on new roles. The strength of both pictures lies in John Cleese's script - he wrote the new movie with film critic lain Johnstone — and in the actors' complementary personalities. While Fierce Creatures does seem a bit tamer than the first movie, it's also marked by flashes of mad inspiration. With Cleese, Kevin Kline, Jamie Lee Curtis and Michael Palin. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

A new series on ETV 2 (23). Hello, Pnina, teaches Hebrew to new immigrants who already have a basic familiarity with Hebrew and the Israeli experience. The program, starring Galit Giat and Israel Demidov, presents oral cultural encounters and typical situations one might find oneself in, for example, army duty, dealing with the plomber, going to the bank etc. In tonight's first episode, at 7:50, Yevgeny learns how to court Israeli girls, Repeats on Mondays, at 7:50.







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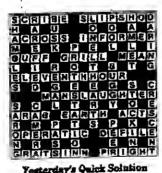
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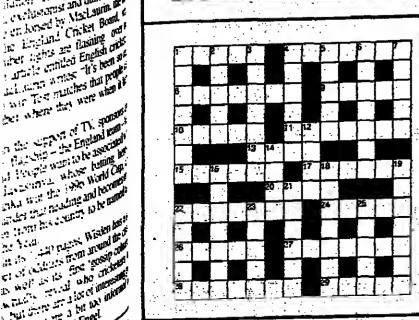
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13:00 Hillside 13:30 Open Cards

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Secret of Coconut 20:00 Worlds Apart: The Amazon 20:35 John Steinbeck - a portrait 21:30 Israel Festival Preview 22:30 National Geographic Explorer: Visions of the Deep 23:25 Open

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7:30 NBC Nightly News with Tom Souzwk Box - stocks

Money Wheel 15:00 CNBC Squewk 15:00 Cross-country Skring – season roundup 16:00 Skysurling Contest, France 16:30 Triathlon: 1996 Practice of Gardening 17:30 Interiors by Design 18:00 MSNBC - The World Grand Prix 17:30 All Sports: Winter X Games, USA (rpt) 18:30 Freeride

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> **ECNN** INTERNATIONAL News throughout the day 6:30 World Report 7:30 Insight (rpt) 8:30 Moneyline (rpt)

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Piano quartet in C minor op 60 (members of Dornus); Chausson: The Tempest, Chopin: 24 Preludes op 28 12:00 Noon with Gideon Hod - famil-lar music and quiz 14:06 Encore 15:00 Voice of Music 16:00 Wieniawski: Legend for violin and orch (Mutter/Vlenna PO/Levine): Fanny

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for cello and piano; Stravinsky: Sonata for 2 pianos 18:00 New CDs – Bartok: Piano concer to no 2; Bach. Sonata no 3 in C for violin solo (Haendel); Bartok Pia no concerto no 3; Sibelius: Luonnotar for voice and orch 20:30 From the Recording Studio – Yahli Wagman, piano. Shostakovich: 24 Preludes op 34

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in brief

Transport Minister wants to ban movie 'Crash'

Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy has asked that the Film Censorship Board ban the movie Crash because it portrays people deriving sexual gratification from watching traffic accidents.
Levy called the film "scandalous" because it presents accidents as a source of pleasure and encourages violent driving.
Following Levy's request, attorney Yehiel Gutman, chairman of the Film Censorship Board, decided that board members will view the film again today.

Meanwhile, the National Council for the Prevention of Accidents said yesterday that it would petition the High Court of Justice to prevent the screening of the film, which has sparked a public outcry in England.

Search for Bleichman's body halted

The search for the body of Shlomit Bleichman, believed murdered by her live-in lover Dr. Amiram Hochberg, which was resumed on Tuesday, was called off yesterday. Without the cooperation of Hochberg, who is refusing to talk to the police, the "search for the body is like looking for a needle in a haystack," a police source said.

Nahmanis finally get divorce

Danny and Ruti Nahmani, whose legal battle led to a precedentseming Supreme Court decision and the formulation of new regulations on surrogate motherhood, were yesterday granted a divorce by the Haifa Rabbinical Court. The couple's battle had reached the Ruti Nahmani state where both refused to





(B. Hendler) pay the NIS 167 fee, but the court decided to

(B. Hendler) grant the divorce and collect the fee at a later date.]tim

A-G asks for more time on Katz murder

Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein has asked the Supreme Court for a 14-day delay in his response to whether a new trial should be ordered in the murder of Danny Katz. The request for the second trial was filed by attorney Avigdor Feldman, who is representing five Arabs from Sakhnin convicted in 1985 of murdering the 15-year-old Katz.

The case has become the source of a legal controversy with former attorney-general Michael Ben-Yair supporting a retrial, and State Attorney Edna Arbel opposing the idea. Supreme Court President Aharon Barak had asked Rubinstein for his opinion by April 4.

Court rejects Deri request for trial delay

Jerusalem Magistrate's Court has turned down a request from MK Aryeh Deri for a 45-day recess in bis ongoing trial on bribery charges because of the resignation of his lawyer, Dan Avi-Yitzhak.

The court said it had responded favorably to most of Deri's requests for recesses in the course of the trial, but it had to find a balance between helping the defense fulfill its duties and the need to bring the trial to a speedy conclusion. It noted that Avi-Yitzhak had represented Deri only in one case and 14 defense witnesses had been questioned by other lawyers.

Principal to be informed if pupils have AIDS

School principals and the school medical staff will receive the disease, even if their parents object, under a new directive issued yesterday by Education Ministry Director-General

The principal is supposed to keep the information secret, so as not to interfere with the rights of the pupil. Previously, parental permission was required for supplying such information to the schools. The directive also states that such pupils are entitled to the same rights and privileges as any other pupil, and will attend school based on their doctor's recommendation. Aryeh Dean Cohen

Summer matriculation schedule on the net

The schedule of summer matriculation exams is to be published beginning tonight on the Education Ministry's Internet site, http://www.education.gov.il

Web surfers can find the test schedule a week ahead of their cyber-challenged classmates, as newspaper listings of the schedule will only appear next week.

Aryth Dean Cohen

Airport police step up Pessah campaign

Undercover and uniformed police units at Ben-Gurion Airport are on the alert for increased theft accompanying the growing amount of travelers during the Pessah season. Arriving passengers have recently complained of not being able to recover belongings left on planes or in the terminal. Last week two El Al airplane cleaners were arrested after a wallet left on a plane by a passenger was found in their possession. Two employees of the Airports Authority were also arrested with a passenger's wallet. All four workers were fired.

Drugs kosher for Pessah

A booklet listing 1,500 kosher-for-Pessah medications is available from Kupat Holim Clalit. The drugs' ingredients were checked by a committee headed by the chief rabbis and including biochemists and pharmacists. The rabbis stated that all ointments and drops meant for the eyes and ears, inhalators, substances for injection and antiseptics are kosher for Passover. They also ruled that if a vital drug prescribed by a doctor regularly for a patient is not on the list, the patient must take it so that he doesn't endanger his life. A special Clalit hottine on medications for Pessah will be open from April 16 to 20 between 5 and 9 p.m. at (03)5701223 or (02)5713285. The list is also posted on the health fund's Internet page at www.klalit.co.il.

Breast cancer awareness march set for today

The first Israeli march for increasing awareness about breast cancer will be held this afternoon in Jerusalem. Organized by Hadassah-Israel, with help from the Israel Cancer Association and the Jerusalem Municipality, the march will begin at 1.30 p.m. at the Liberty Bell Garden.



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and coalition chairman Michal Eitan (third from left) join coalition MKs in a toast celebrat-

MKs leave House for home

By LIAT COLLINS

MKs can get out of the House and go home today, as the Knesset begins its spring recess after a little more than six months of the winter

Sounding relieved, Speaker Dan Tichon said the predictions that this would be the most difficult Knesset ever had not proven true. This was the first session under the new system of direct elections and was also marked by the change in government.

The statistical report compiled on the session contains, for the first time, a table recording the presence of MKs in the House. Benny Elon (Moledet) and Moshe Gafni (United Torah Judaism) gained top marks for attending all 91 Knesset days; followed by Michael Eitan (Likud), Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party), and Michael Nudelman (Yisrael Ba'aliya) who were present at 90.

The absentee list was headed by Shas leader Aryeh Deri, present only 12 days; Labor leader

AT THE KNESSET

By LIAT COLLINS

approved a proposal by Yona

Yahav (Labor) to establish a par-

liamentary committee of inquiry to investigate the parole of Rami

Dotan, convicted of corruption

involving air force purchases.

The suggestion was uoanimous-

ly supported by 20 MKs. The

Knesset will establish the com-

position of the committee within

Yahav said several issues

needed investigating including

why the IDF did not continue its

investigation alongside the US

investigation; wby no additional charges were filed against Dotan

as new material came to light;

possible connections between

Dotan's actions and IAF acci-

dents; and where is the money

Police charged with

bias against women

Naomi Chazan (Meretz) has

raised a parliamentary question

on reports that senior police

officials told Cmdr. Esther

Dominisini, head of the police

manpower division: "It's not

worthwhile recruiting women; they get pregnant." Chazan said

there appear to have been

attempts over recent years to

block the recruitment of women

She gave figures which show

the lack of women in top police

ranks and said only a fifth of

officer ranks are women. The

Knesset Interior Committee,

chaired by Salab Tarif (Labor),

yesterday received a copy of the report on complaints filed by the

members of the police force and

Prisons Service to their ombuds-

In 1996, 96 complaints were

filed. The main subjects

involved relations between offi-

police officers.

that Dotan received in bribes.

the next month.

The Knesset this week

Shimon Peres, present 43 days; and Ehud Barak, 59. All three were also towards the bottom of the list for submitting private motions to the agenda.

At a press conference, Tichon mentioned what he called "the former minister phenomenon" suffered by some members of the last cabinet who now found themselves ordinary opposition MKs, and had difficulty getting used to the difference.

The notable exceptions are former finance minister Ayraham Shohat and former internal security minister Moshe Shahal (both Labor), who continue to be active, Tichon said.

Tamar Gozansky (Hadash) gave the most speeches in the plenum and was cited by Ticbon as the most industrious parliamentarian on all fronts.

The winter session was marked by a prolifer-acon of no-confidence motions: 17 in 24 weeks. Tichon said the most noteworthy days had been those devoted to the budget in December, the Hebron redeployment vote in January, and

The law affects almost all

aspects of detention. It will

According to the law, a person

can only be detained for six

months before being indicted and not a year as under the cur-

rent system; a person must be brought before a judge within 24

hours (except on Shabbat), instead of 48 hours.

All prisoners are entitled to

decent sanitary and health con-

ditions and can appeal to the

High-Court for release if they

are not provided. Also, each

prisoner must be given a bed and

must be allowed out into the

fresh air for a certain period

Golani Brigade

Memorial defended

Moledet leader Rehavam

Ze'evi submitted an urgent par-

liamentary question on reports that the Golani Brigade Memorial is to be closed by the

Interior Ministry. He noted that

site memorializes 1,250 fallen

Interior Minister Eli Suissa

said that he supports the contin-

ued operation of the site and that

the relevant regional authorities

must use the funds they are allo-

cated for preserving oational

parks to keep the memorial

Domestic violence bill introduced Ephraim Sach (Labor) has filed a bill which would allow the vic-

tims of domestic violence or their

relatives to appear before parole

boards before a decision is made

on the early release of those con-

victed of abuse. He said he said

the bill was necessary because of

the number of cases in which vio-

lent men have returned home and

again attacked family members

after being released from prison:

every day.

soldiers.

come into effect May 12.

Panel to investigate

Dotan parole

cers and lower ranks, including

insults, discrimination, threats,

and bodily harm. The other

main category involved com-

plaints about wages, conditions,

promotions, and termination of

Several Labor and

Social Affairs bills pass

The Knesset yesterday passed

the second and third readings of

several bills forwarded by the

Labor and Social Affairs

Committee. Among them were

bills allowing a worker to take

up to 30 days of out of vacaoon

time to care for a child with can-

cer and a bill granting retroac-

tive disability payments for a child based on the date a request

is filed rather than when it is

Long school day

bill passes hurdle
A bill calling for a long school

day in the next school year passed first reading in the

Knesset yesterday. The bill was

proposed by Meir Sheetrit

It-calls for a long day on a local basis, under which all edu-

cational institutions in the same

town from kindergarten up would work according to the

It would operate first in a

number of towns, according to

socio-economic condidons, and

by gradually increased to be

Prison conditions improved

A new taw improving the con-

ditions in prisons and detention

centers was being hailed yester-day as a revolution in the penal

system. The bill, proposed by

Law Committee Chairman Shaul

Yahalom (National Religious

Party) passed second and third

countrywide by the year 2000.

service.

approved.

(Likud).

same system.

- for different reasons - the memorial session for the soldiers killed in the helicopter disaster, which united the House in mourning. Three new committees and sub-committees

were created: Science and Technology; the sub-committee for restitution of Jewish property; and Public Complaints for problems which fail between the cracks and do oot have a legislative answer.

The average length of each session was five hours, although Tichon noted that many MKs, while in the House, did not attend the plenum. Most active in the plenom were the MKs from Moledet, Hadash, and the Democratic Arab Party, The Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee received the most referrals from the clubs. plenum.

The new MKs of all parties were noticeably more industrious than their more veteran col-

The MKs were far more active than the government io submitting bills and amendments for first reading.

Minimum raised to NIS 2,349

By LIAT COLLINS

A bill raising the minimum wage passed on second and third reading yesterday. The Knesset also approved adjusting the salaries of deputy ministers by nearly 7 percent.

Under the new Minimum Wage Law, which passed 28-1, the minimum wage will be 47.5 percent of the average wage and will be calculated according to a basis of 186 workhours a month, not 200 as previously. It will be updated twice yearly instead of annnally.

The minimum wage bad been NIS 2,230 (including the wage adjustments for April). Following the implementation of the new law it will be NIS 2,349 in May. The law also allows for overtime hours to be added.

The new law also grants protection to workers who report their bosses for paying them less

than the minimum wage.

Labor and Social Affairs

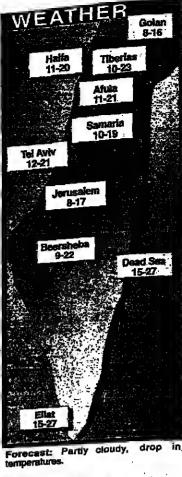
Committee Chairman Maxim Levy (Gesher) promoted the bill despite heavy pressure from industrialists to delay it until April 1998.

The Finance Ministry and industrialists opposed the law, saying the extra costs could cause factories to collapse and put more people out of work.

Meir Sheetrit (Likud), one of the MKs who introduced the

bill, criticized the industrialists, asking: "Why don't they say the same thing about themselves, when their wages amount to thousands of shekels a month?"

Tamar Gozansky (Hadash) and Anat Maor (Meretz), its cosponsors, noted that the law will improve the wages of some 300,000 workers, 60 percent of them women.



AROUND THE WORLD

Winning cards

The winning cards in yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance game were the 8 of spades, 10 of hearts, king of diamonds, and 9 of

New Anti-Litter Law puts high price on trash

By LIAT COLLINS

"People who litter are trash!" This is the latest keep-the-countryclean slogan announced by the Environment Ministry last week. Trash or not, they won't be cheap. A oew Anti-Litter Law which passed its final readings Tuesday night raises fines for littering and pollution to unprecedented levels: from the current maximum of NIS 9,600 to NIS 1.2 million. It also steps up enforcement measures.

The cost of throwing cigarette butts, candy wrappers, or other litter in the street now carries a maximum NIS 50,000 fine; illegal dumping of construction waste, waste from a vessel, or littering a public place carries a fine of NIS 150,000 or a one-year prison sentence; illegal dumping of hazardous materials (including pesticides) carries a NIS 300,000 fine or a two-year sentence.

Under an amendment proposed: by Avraham Poraz (Shinui), in cases when a commercial vehicle is caught dumping building waste illegally, the licenses of both the driver and vehicle can be suspend-

Violations of air pollution laws, including ooise and smells, carries a NIS 300,000 fine or six-month sentence. Illegally sticking op posters carries a NIS 75,000 fine.

Offenses involving hazardous. materials which could seriously pollute the environment are subject to a fine of NIS 600,000 or three years in prison. A corporatioo committing such offenses may be subject to a double fine of NIS 1.2 million. Violations of public health regu-

lations carry a NIS 150,000 fine. which can be doubled for serious cases.

Environment Minister Raphael. Eitan rejected criticism of the severity of the fines and said they are based on the "make the see luter-pay principle" in force! most advanced countries.



To Reel at Home

Lev Ganim-Come and meet the residents and savor our homey atmosphere

